

“GO, and TELL!!”

Part 4: “But GOD ...”



**John 3:16-21; Genesis 3:15, 6:8, 15:6;
Romans 3:19-24; Ephesians 2:1-9**

Introduction: “ ... *the heavens and earth that now exist are stored up for fire, being kept until the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly* ” (II Peter 3:7).

“*For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil* ” (II Corinthians 5:10; see Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

The worst dilemma of the human race: “*How can sinful people approach the one true HOLY God and be welcomed into His presence?*”

The third part of the Gospel is GRACE ... “*the undeserved favor of God toward those whom He desires.*”

GRACE reveals the initiative of GOD in sending Christ Jesus to save those who believe!

I. The SOURCE of Grace ...

GRACE originates in GOD !!

Ephesians 2:1-4: “ BUT GOD, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved US ... ” (vs. 4).

There was nothing in you or in anyone who has ever lived that would cause or compel God to show us His grace.

Genesis 3:15: “*I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your offspring and her offspring; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.*”

Genesis 6:7-8: “ ... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD ” (vs. 8).

II. The NATURE of Grace ...

God’s “Covenant of Grace” with Abraham actually reveals the nature of grace as a “ gift .”

God initiates the covenant ... and Abraham “ believed the Lord and He (God) counted it to him as righteousness ” (Genesis 15:6).

Romans 3:19-24: “ ... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus ... ” (vss. 23-24).

Romans 4:16: “*That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace !*”

Ephesians 2:4-9: “ ... even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved ... ” (vs. 5).

God’s GRACE in salvation actually SAVES people. It is effective . It is transforming. It comes with power !!

III. The RECIPIENTS of Grace ...

Ephesians 2:8-9: “*For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God ” (vs. 8).*

God’s grace in salvation is GIVEN to those who, like Noah and Abraham and every believer since, have been chosen by God and GIVEN new life!!

“*GRACE is the empowering presence of GOD that enables us to be what God calls us to be and to do what God calls us to do!*”

GRACE reveals the initiative of GOD in sending Christ Jesus to save those who believe!

If you are a believer today it is because GOD reached out to you ... and gave you a new heart, mind and will by His Spirit .

The Gospel: **God, Man ... GRACE ... Christ, Faith ...**

