

The Multi-Colored Grace of God

Grace Fellowship Church / Pastor Peter LaRuffa / Fort Thomas Launch Sunday 13-Sep-2015

Welcome to Launch Sunday Service at Grace Fellowship Church in Fort Thomas!
We're glad you've chosen to join us on what is an exciting,
historic day for our church family.
God has done and continues to do great things among us,
especially over the past several months as we've prepared for this day,
so thanks for celebrating with us today.

Whether you've been a part of our church family for years,
or are stopping by for the first time today, we have at least one thing in common:
a need for grace.

It's my hope & prayer that our time together today
gives you a taste of the multi-faceted grace of God
that's at work among us.

**"Come and see what God has done:
He is awesome in his deeds towards the children of men." Psalms 66:5**

We're glad you're here.

~ Pastor Peter LaRuffa ~

Grace comes in many shapes, sizes and colors...and you probably need to collect the whole set!

1 Pet. 4:10

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, **as good stewards of God's varied grace...**

The Word of God literally describes God's grace as "many colored" or "multi faceted." We need this grace—constantly—and thankfully, there's plenty to go around.

I. We are SAVED by God's grace!

Eph. 2:4,5,8,9

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—**by grace you have been saved**—... ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And

this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

II. We SERVE by God's grace!

Eph. 2:10

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus for good works**, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Good works will never get you saved. We're saved by grace and grace alone! But that same grace also enables us to serve one another with the gifts He has given us.

1 Pet. 4:10,11

¹⁰ As each has received a gift, **use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:**
¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

III. We are being SANCTIFIED—growing and changing to be more like Christ—by God's grace!

2 Pet. 3:18

¹⁸ **But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.** To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Heb. 10:24,25

²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

IV. We have the strength and endurance to SUFFER by God's grace.

1 Pet. 4:12

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

V. We SEND our very best to take the Gospel, the message of God's grace, to the Tri-State and world!

Matt. 28:19,20

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

What about you? What type of God’s grace are you in need of today?

- Saving grace
- Serving grace
- Sanctifying grace
- Suffering grace
- Sending grace

Heb. 4:16

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Pray to the Lord with confidence that God would give you grace in this, your time of need.

Consider what “next steps” the Lord would have you take, confident in His enabling, empowering grace.