

What's the BIG DEAL

1 Peter 1:10-11a

¹⁰ Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you:

¹¹ Searching what or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which in them did signify

The accurate literal translation is: Searching out and unto the time of the spirit which was upon them did signify of Christ. (Dr. VPW, from *THE CHURCH, THE GREAT MYSTERY REVEALED*).

1 Peter 1:11b-12

¹¹ when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that would follow.

¹² Unto whom [the Old Testament prophets] it was revealed that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them [the church apostles and prophets, Ephesians 4:11] that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost [spirit] sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

The prophets of the Old Testament saw SOMETHING! They saw a period of GRACE between the sufferings of Christ, and the Glory (still in the future) that should follow. Why? What's THE BIG DEAL? There was grace in the Old Testament at times, and they saw it, so why the interest? What was God after? These prophets saw AN ENTIRE PERIOD OF GRACE! CHAZAMMM! What's GRACE? What does it mean to you and me? Grace is God's divine favor. The Brooklyn text describes it like God's doing us some big deals, "mucho favor", cutting us some BIG SLACK!

When Dr. Wierwille taught Ephesians to The Way Corps in 1974, the following is some of what he said:

"For me this word "grace" is an experience of indescribable reality. No person is capable of fully teaching what it is all about. It will take an eternity to clarify it because we will have to see Him face to face. Nobody in this life will ever fully understand it; experience it, yes; but understand it, no. The closest paradox of grace I know is that it is so extremely valuable that it can be nothing less than free."

Have you ever noticed that each of the 7 church epistles, start off with mentioning grace in the first few verses and each epistle ends with mentioning grace? In Ephesians 3, Paul mentions the dispensation (an entire administration) of grace. 1 Corinthians 15, he says: By the grace of God I am who I am. In Galatians 2 He says He doesn't frustrate the grace of God. In 2 Timothy in teaching Timothy how to train leadership, the first thing he says is be strong in the grace. Those are just a few in the epistles.

So an entire period of grace, actually Grace piled upon Grace. Starting with Acts 2:1-4, it a whole NEW BALLGAME. Everything changes. It shocked the pants off the adversary and his cohorts, for they didn't see it coming. In one sense, the rules of engagement changed. That's why

1 Corinthians 2:8 tells us, if he had known this was coming, he would have never crucified the Lord of glory. So **WHAT WAS COMING?** What handwriting on the wall did the adversary see? He realized if anyone understood this age of grace and claimed their rights, and dare to say what they are in Christ, he would have his hands full. He realized he would be dealing with **YOU!** Yes, you are pretty special and also your brothers and sisters in Christ. The adversary realized he would have to now deal with a **GANG, THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD.**

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