# FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

## Grace Is Here! July 18, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

## 2 Corinthians 9.8 NASB

<sup>8</sup> And **God is able to <u>make all grace abound</u> to you,** so that <u>always having</u> all sufficiency <u>in</u> <u>everything</u>, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

- What is grace? It is God's supernatural enabling. Grace is power. God gives us grace He MAKES grace available to us. By grace we are saved, delivered, healed, empowered, release miracles, bring God's kingdom into the earth. Through faith not from yourselves, it is the gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship [we are a new creation in Christ], created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do (Ephesians 2.8-9).
- **Grace is substance from God.** Substance is supernatural matter that fills, forms, shapes, and empowers. Grace fills our being forming and empowering us to live, move and have our being in Christ (Acts 17.28). We are born of imperishable and incorruptible seed, and we have become partakers of His divine nature (1 Peter 1.23 & 2 Peter 1.4).
- Abound in the Greek is defined as "superabound in quantity or quality, superior quality, exceeding
  abundantly above, to be given an advantage, to be in excess, to cause to excel, to be the better,
  exceed, over and above, abundance."
- God is MAKING ALL GRACE ABOUND to us. He is supernaturally equipping and empowering
  us above and beyond what the world has to offer so that we have more than enough resources to
  accomplish the work He has called us to.
- **God said, "Grace is here."** He wants us to draw from Christ in us. This is our deep well of grace. We need the advantage that grace gives us.
- We can access grace because Jesus is High Priest forever in the order of Melchizedek.

### **John 1.17** NIV

<sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- The law is about the external.
- Grace takes you into oneness Christ in you the hope of glory.
- Grace is New Testament technology it is how to do things by God's power!

## **James 4.6b-7** NIV

6"...God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

<sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

## Colossians 3.1-3 NASB

<sup>1</sup> Therefore if you have been raised up with Christ, keep seeking the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

#### Matthew 6.33 NASB

- <sup>33</sup> But **seek first His kingdom and His righteousness,** and all these things will be added to you.
  - This is where we get God's blueprint. We receive perspective, strategy, and understanding.
  - Hear God's word first what He is saying about that situation or circumstance?
  - God gives grace then to walk out His blueprint.
  - We live, move, and have our being in Christ through grace, because He made us able.

## Tim Sheets, excerpt from a Prophetic Word "Holy Spirit's Explosive Era Begins":

You're moving into the explosive era of Holy Spirit power. My Dunamis will activate and explosive energy will come upon My remnant. I will now reintroduce Holy Spirit to the world. He will now be revealed in new ways and through My people as the Mighty One of Heaven filled with power. You are now entering into the glorious season of Holy Spirit's explosive power. It will be seen, felt, and it will invade the earth revealing mightiness that prevails. For you have seen the incendiaries in the natural realm. Now watch the incendiaries in the Spirit realm.

Now I am bringing fire and activating My dynamite. You are entering the time of the fireworks of the Kingdom of God. For you have seen the fireworks of your adversaries and now you will see Holy Spirit's fireworks. You will see the firepower of the Ekklesia.

It will not be fireworks of grandeur in the sky, streaking and falling to the earth for show. No, it will be fireworks of explosive power raining upon thrones of iniquity. My fireworks will explode against demon princes. My firepower will explode, preparing the way for My Kingdom's invasion of the earth. My power will explode against rulers of darkness. They can scatter. They can run, but they can't hide. My Warriors will find them.

Watch, says the Lord of hosts, as the enemies of My Kingdom begin to fight one another. I decree the enemy will begin to declare friendly fire. Friendly fire has engaged. They will fight one another, says the Lord. I will divide their language and they will tear down their evil towers themselves. Watch... First will come the implosion, then will come My explosions. I will not be mocked, says the Lord.

#### 1 Corinthians 1.30 TPT

<sup>30</sup> For it is not from man that we draw our life but from God as we are being joined to Jesus, the Anointed One. And now he is our God-given wisdom, our virtue, our holiness, and our redemption.

- Grace is POWER!
- It is important to know who we are in Christ and equally important to know who Christ is in us the power of grace works through both.

#### Acts 4.29-30 TPT

<sup>29</sup> So now, Lord, listen to their threats to harm us. **Empower us, as your servants, to speak the word of God freely and courageously.** <sup>30</sup> **Stretch out your hand of power** *through us* to heal, and to move in signs and wonders by the name of your holy Son, Jesus!

## **PRAYER AND DECLARATION:**

Father, we adore You, and we lift the Name of Jesus over Detroit and over Michigan. We welcome the explosive power of the Holy Spirit. Your grace is sufficient for this City and State.

1 Thessalonians 1.4-5, For we know that God loves Detroit and Michigan – He has chosen you, because the gospel came to you not simply with human words or words of humanism, but the gospel came and was planted in this city and in this state by words of POWER, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction.

We decree to our State and to Detroit that you will bring forth a spiritual harvest. There is new life, new vision, new hope, and a new sound of vibrancy at work in our land and among the people. The power of God's amazing grace abounds in our land and is being poured out on our communities. **Pure Michigan belongs to the Lord. It is by grace you will save Detroit. God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before the nations from Detroit and from Michigan.**