

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

Grace Is Transformation Power April 10, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

Ephesians 3.7-9 TPT

⁷⁻⁸ I have been made a messenger of this wonderful news by **the gift of grace that works through me**. Even though I am the least significant of all his holy believers, **this grace-gift was imparted when the manifestation of his power came upon me. Grace alone empowers me** so that I can boldly preach this wonderful message to non-Jewish people, sharing with them the unfading, inexhaustible riches of Christ, which are **beyond comprehension**. ⁹ **My passion is to enlighten every person to this divine mystery**. It was hidden for ages past until now, and kept a secret in the heart of God, the Creator of all.

Grace – God's divine influence upon my heart – alone empowers me. Through God's grace comes LIFE. I was saved by grace (Eph 2.8) not by works. Through the mercy and grace of my Father, by His divine influence upon my heart, He released revelation knowledge into my heart. He removed the veil, opening my ears and eyes so I could hear and see true reality.

Romans 12.1-2 TPT

¹ Beloved friends, **what should be our proper response to God's marvelous mercies?** I encourage you to **surrender yourselves to God** to be his sacred, living sacrifices. And **live in holiness, experiencing all that delights his heart**. For this becomes **your genuine expression of worship**. ² *Stop imitating the ideals and opinions of the culture around you*, but **be inwardly transformed by the Holy Spirit through a total reformation of how you think**.

- This is empowerment.
 - This is grace applied.
 - This is the path to living a transformed life.
 - This is living in holiness.
 - This is living as son.
 - This is the reality of being united with Christ.
 - This is the way of the deep and deeper still.
 - This is the place of power by the Spirit.
 - This is the flow of wisdom and discernment.
 - This is how to speak and do what the Father speaks and do what He does.



When Jesus walked the earth, He walked in the power of grace. All of the miracles, signs, wonders are through grace.

Grace

- Reveals
- Delivers
- Heals
- Sets free
- Reforms
- Brings the NEW
- Pulls heaven into the earth
- Empowers
- Strengthens
- Brings hope
- Defuses
- Unravels
- Brings clarity
- Focuses
- Reveals

Grace is transformation power

- By grace I speak to the City.
- By grace I see Detroit.
- By grace Detroit is becoming NEW.
- By grace Detroit will stand in its God-given identity and purpose.
- By grace evil will be overcome by good and light will penetrate darkness.
- By grace hope will fill hearts and the captives will be set free.



John 1.14 NASB

And **the Word became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace and truth**.

John 1.16-17 NASB

¹⁶ For **of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace**. ¹⁷ For **the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ**.

Romans 8.1-2 NASB

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death**.

- We now live by the Spirit of LIFE in Christ Jesus.
- That is by grace – divine enablement.

Isaiah 62.10-11 The Message reworded

¹⁰ Walk out of the gates. Get going!

Get the road ready for the people.

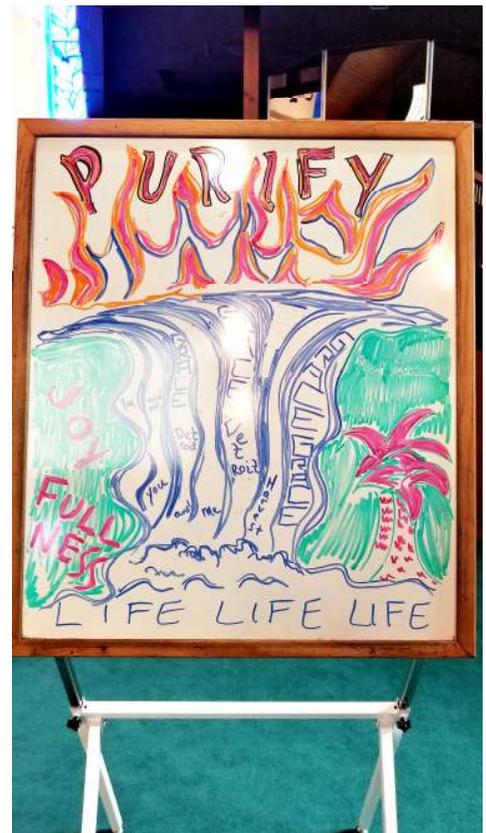
Build the highway. Get at it!

Clear the debris,

hoist high a flag, a signal to all peoples!

¹¹ Yes! GOD has broadcast to all the world:

“Tell Detroit, ‘Look! Your Savior comes, Ready to do what he said he’d do, prepared to complete what he promised.”





To Detroit we declare that grace and truth have come to you. And the transformation that has begun will be brought to completion by the grace of God. As the body of Christ in the City we draw upon the grace of God and release it into the City. We declare grace upon grace to Detroit and the people of Detroit. Grace to see and grace to hear and grace to become. Grace is God's hand of transformation moving in the City.

Detroit, let the word of grace which is the word of Christ live in you richly, flooding you with the sound of heaven and His kingdom come into your midst. **By grace** God will put a new sound in you, Detroit, that will resonate and influence the nations of the earth. **By grace** you will broadcast a pure sound, a holy sound that will influence the nations of the earth. **By grace** it will be formed and **by grace** it will be released.

