



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS



THE AGE OF GRACE and THE ROD OF IRON

Greetings! There are just two periods of spiritual life in the history of believers over two thousand and twenty plus years and in the coming Millennium!

To fully understand this, is extremely important for our future spiritual health and our knowledge of the Word of God! This article is just a basic introduction and encouragement about this topic.

These are :

1. THE AGE OF GRACE AND

2. THE ROD OF IRON!

Some of you may have heard of one of these phrases, and a few of you may have heard of both! These are very important things to know and understand.

1. THE AGE OF GRACE

Right now we are living in the AGE OF GRACE, and gosh, what does that even mean? What is the real meaning of grace?

Grace is the basis for the Christian faith. We believe we are saved by faith through grace. God's grace is usually

defined as **undeserved** favor. Grace cannot be earned; it is something that is freely given. We count on God's grace as the bridge he built in our relationship with him, through Jesus Christ.

The age of Grace truly FULLY began with the coming of Jesus Christ, although in many ways this Grace was also present in many millennia before that!

The arrival on Planet Earth of the Messiah Jesus Christ fully began the true 'AGE OF GRACE'. All things from that



time forwards (and backwards) in our lives, were then forgiven by the 'Grace of God', forever, to those who believed in the Son of God. At that time, which was also called 'The Fulness of Times'. Ephesians 1:10-11

Mankind was in the Age of Grace

since Adam and Eve sinned of course, but the fullness of the Grace of God is also explained well in these verses by Paul in Acts chapter 17!

26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

27 That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

28 For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

29 Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:

In other Words, the Apostle Paul was saying that up to (before) the Resurrection of Jesus Christ 'life went on' for mankind, for those 4,000 years, but after the sacrifice of our beloved Saviour, the time had now come for mankind to accept the Grace of God manifested in Jesus! Note the phrases; And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: (and accept the grace of God)

Living in the Age of Grace, means that no matter how much evil we have done we can find Grace and be forgiven, we can also share and tell of that Grace of God in Jesus to the world. We are living therefore IN the Grace of God and UNDER the grace of God each day we live on the earth. It's wonderful. There are not going to be any more 'signs' to the unbelieving world, but there will be many miraculous signs to those who believe in the Grace of God.

The Grace of God also continually works in us and our hearts, as we strive and pray to be open to the amazing influence of the Holy Spirit.

Mankind is also under the potential of this Grace for the present time until they die, and why is that? Because they have the opportunity to attain to or receive the Grace of God. There is still time, who knows how long, for the unsaved to become saved. For those who believe not, to later believe.

This is all because NOW is the Age of Grace! However it will not last forever. And just like Paul said, God commands all men to repent.

How long do they have?



We don't know. Because after the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, and the rapture of His Saints, after the Great Tribulation, will then come the wrath of God on the remaining inhabitants of the earth. (We explained this in part in our edition called 'The Books Part I').

So after that terrible event, begins the 1,000 year of Christ with His Saints to rule and reign on the Earth upon about two thirds of the surviving present earth's population at that time.

Revelation 20:4

And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years

Revelation 20:6

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall

be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

We will see further and basic scriptures at the end of this article about the Grace of God.



2. THE ROD OF IRON!

The Key and possibly only specific verse in scripture about the Rod of Iron is the verse in the book of Psalms chapter 2 verses 8 and especially 9 which says:

Ask of Me, and I will assuredly give [You {My children}] the nations as Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth as Your possession.
9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron;
You shall shatter them [in pieces] like earthenware.'"

[who wrote psalm 2 - Google Search](#)

This passage predicts the anointed King—the Messiah—will smash the rebellious nations to pieces with an iron rod. The psalmist urges the kings and rulers of the earth to submit to the Son's rule and come to friendly terms with Him. Very wise advice.

These verses have also been understood by many Christians, throughout centuries, to be a predictor of the future reign of Jesus Christ upon the earth in His 1,000 year rule together with His saints.

The 'Age of Grace' has now passed!

All who could be saved were saved at that time.

(More comments on that in a later edition! As that is quite a statement and is it really true? Find out later!)

But there is one more important verse that Jesus Christ Himself spoke

"The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father" (Rev. 2:26-27).

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

(Rev. 19:15,16)

16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King Of Kings, And Lord Of Lords.

We see in these Bible verses that there is an absolute perfection of truth! That those who love Jesus Christ will rule over the nations and with a Rod of iron!

The age of Grace will pass at the second coming of Jesus Christ and the Rod of Iron and our (the Saints) time of ruling over the remaining rebellious nations of the earth will begin! So the lesson is, do not be rebellious!

Secondly, get ready dear lovers of Jesus Christ for the time of the 1,000 years.

By God's grace MUCH more to come about this 1,000 year time period in an upcoming article(s).

Until Next week

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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found;

Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,

I have already come;

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,

And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,

His Word my hope secures;

He will my Shield and Portion be,

As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,

And mortal life shall cease,

I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,

The sun forbear to shine;

But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,

Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise

Than when we'd first begun.

[John Newton](#)

STORIES ABOUT **MERCY**



A mother once approached Napoleon seeking a pardon for her son. The emperor replied that the young man had committed a certain offense twice and justice demanded death.

"But I don't ask for justice, the mother explained. "I plead for mercy!

"But your son does not deserve mercy!" Napoleon replied.

"Sir, the woman cried, "it would not be mercy if he deserved it, and mercy is all I ask for.!"

"Well, then, the emperor said, "I will have mercy. And he spared the woman's son.

Luis Palau, "Experiencing God's Forgiveness," Multnomah Press, 1984

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