



## Grace Upon Grace in Our Lives

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father; full of grace and truth...And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for [upon] grace."* (John 1:14, 16)

### Words of Ministry

Despite how you may feel about the advancement of your own spiritual life in Christ, there is an end towards which God is moving in your life. God is moving you towards Christ's FULLNESS by grace. And this goal is exceedingly above and beyond anything you currently think is possible! That is why your life with God will have to be a life of faith. *"Through him we have... obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand"* (Rom 5:2).

God's plan to take you into the fullness of Christ is by receiving "grace upon grace". The grace of God is found in a person, Jesus Christ. *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ"* (2 Corinthians 8:9). So grace is a relationship of faith with the Person of Christ – who He is to us, what He has done for us. Through His Son, the Father now proclaims His full message. *"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son"* (Hebrews 1:1-2). One of Jesus' titles is the Word. When He became a man, He was God's incarnate message, His Word to humanity. *"And the Word became flesh*

*and dwelt among us."* As the early disciples watched Jesus living His perfect life of godliness, they were looking at the glorious revelation of God's uniquely begotten Son. *"And we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father."* His life was an overflowing demonstration of divine **grace** and **truth**: *"full of grace and truth."*

Beloved, Jesus shows you the kind of life that God's **grace** can develop in you—a life of **truth**, a life of **godly reality**. Jesus came as the One to dispense that **fullness of grace** to you as you trust in Him day by day. Day by day as you handle your life situations, not from yourself, but from Christ in you, His life is being established within you as *"grace upon grace."* God's grace first establishes a layer of forgiveness and spiritual new birth. Then, layers of sanctification, growth, transformation, fruitfulness, victory, service, etc. are added as His grace is received by faith.

Beloved, what **fullness** is available to you today in the **grace** of our **Lord Jesus Christ!** *"For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him"* (Colossians 2:9-10). Your wholeness of life comes from His fullness. Wherever you are in your spiritual pilgrimage, progress has come through receiving by faith from the fullness of His grace. Whatever remains to be accomplished must transpire in the same manner, receiving more fully of His fullness. Yes, daily Christian living is to be *"grace upon grace"*—**upon grace, upon grace, upon grace**—until we stand face to face someday with our Lord of grace!

Whatever your challenges today, remember that God has "grace upon grace" for you! That means that there is no limit or end to grace. It comes from the fullness of God's love for you and it is carrying you back into that fullness until the day you stand before God in the complete fullness of that grace. Rejoice today that you are God's workmanship of grace (see eph 2:10), His poem, His masterpiece of grace.

