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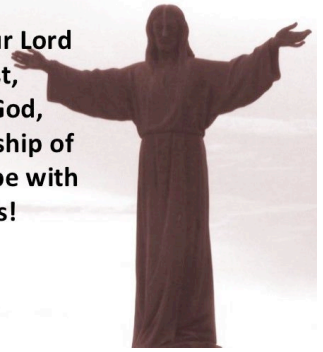
The Book of Galatians

Theme: “The True Gospel You Have Received”

Date: 12-18-22

Lesson: 37 – Chapter 6:18

The grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ,
The love of God,
And the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit be with
you always!



TEXT AND STUDY

(18) **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ** be with your spirit, brothers.
Amen.

Various forms of the apostolic benedictions and doxologies

(Rom 16:20,27; 1 Cor 16:23,24; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 6:23,24; Php 4:21-23;
Col 4:18;
1Thess 5:28; 2 Thess 3:18; 1 Tim 6:21; 2 Tim 4:22; Titus 3:15; Phm 25;
Heb 13:25;
1 Pet 5:14; 2 Pet 3:18; 3 John 1:15; Jude 1:24,25; Rev 22:20,21)

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18. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

For among the apostles this is the way of concluding an epistle, where men say farewell. “**The grace of our Lord,**” says Paul—not the wrath of the Law, not the servitude of the Law, which was given through the servant Moses, **but grace and truth, which came through Jesus Christ** (John 1:17).

But as for our ecclesiastical commonwealth, when **one law of love** has been established in order that this might be the most fortunate commonwealth of all...

But I shall conclude with Isaiah, as he groans and laments: "So Thou didst lead Thy people, **to make for Thyself a glorious name.** Look down from heaven and see, from **Thy holy and glorious habitation.** Where are **Thy zeal and Thy might?** The yearning of **Thy heart and Thy compassion** are withheld from me. **For Thou art our Father,** though Abraham does not know us and Israel does not acknowledge us;

Thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer from of old is Thy name. O Lord, why dost Thou make us err from Thy ways and harden our heart, so that we fear thee not? Return for the sake of Thy servants, the tribes of Thy heritage. Thy holy people possessed **Thy sanctuary** a little while; our adversaries have trodden it down. We have become like those over whom Thou hast never ruled, like those who are not called **by Thy name.** O that Thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at **Thy**

presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make **Thy name known** to Thy adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at Thy presence!

When Thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, **Thou camest down**, the mountains quaked at **Thy presence**. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen **a God besides Thee**, who works for those who wait for Him. Thou meetest him that joyfully works righteousness, those that remember Thee **in Thy ways**.

Behold, Thou wast angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one that calls upon **Thy name**, that bestirs himself to take hold **of Thee**; for Thou hast hid **Thy face** from us, and hast delivered us into the hand of our iniquities. Yet, **O Lord, Thou art our Father**; We are the clay, and **Thou art our Potter**; we are all the work of **Thy hand**. Be not exceedingly angry, **O Lord**, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, consider, we are all Thy people.

Thy holy cities have become a wilderness, Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful house, where our fathers praised **Thee**, has been burned by fire, and all our pleasant places have become ruins. Wilt **Thou restrain Thyself** at these things, **O Lord**? Wilt Thou keep silent, and afflict us sorely?"

This is written in Is. 63:14–19 and 64:1–12. In this prayer Isaiah has depicted the appearance of the church today in such a way that it cannot be depicted more aptly. Would that **God** would pour into our hearts the spirit of this prayer, so that we might assuage His anger as soon as possible! Amen!

LIFE APPLICATION

“The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers.”

Explain the significance that the Trinitarian name was spoken over you in your baptism.

What effect does the benediction at the close of the service have on you?

COMING CLASSES:

Sundays:

Dec. 25 – Bible Study on “The Messiah’s City of Bethlehem”

Jan. 1 – Bible Study on “The 8th Day in the Old and New Testament”

Jan. 8 – Begin Study of “The Epistle of James – The Lord’s Half-Brother”