

## SALVATION BY GRACE (Outline)

Luke 18:9-14: "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup>Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. <sup>11</sup>The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican, <sup>12</sup>I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. <sup>13</sup>And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. <sup>14</sup>I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

GRACE is the Greek word "Charis" and means "the free, unmerited, undeserved favor of God" given to those who actually deserve the opposite.

"Charisma" is translated by the word "gift" or "free gift" especially emphasizing that it is of grace. "Charisma" is "a specific form or manifestation of God's grace."

The tax collector found righteousness (right-standing with God) offered to him as a manifestation of God's grace.

Grace is offered only through the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:17).

Grace is received only by the humble. James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5 both quote Proverbs 3:34 saying, "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

Charles Swindoll states in his book, *The Grace Awakening*: "Justification is the sovereign act of God whereby He declares righteous the believing sinner— while he is still in a sinning state."

Donald Barnhouse once stated: "God credits [Abraham] a man to be perfect even at a moment when he is ungodly in himself. This is justification."

The word "Gospel" means "good news." When you get your newspaper in the morning you are not getting the early morning prophecy. It is reporting the news— something that has already happened.

The Gospel is the good news that Christ has already taken care of the sin problem. We will find the same mercy and grace as the tax collector did in Jesus' day if we will humble ourselves and trust Jesus Christ for our forgiveness (the price for our forgiveness has already been paid).