

# Make Church a Part of Your Life

## WEEKLY SERMONETTE

### "Grasping the Benefits of Having the Son"

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#### THE BENEFIT OF GRACE

Read from Scripture what the Ultimate Father did. "For God so loved the world, He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Those who receive the Father's gift, receive all the Father has. The Bible gives us this wonderful truth, "What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out,

'Abba, Father.' So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir." (Galatians 4:1-7)

Titus 2:11 says, "For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people." This grace from

God is offered to all of mankind. When Christ enters a man by the Holy Spirit, he is under a special grace that sustains the soul in time of need. (2 Corinthians 12:9) It provides strength. (1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Timothy 2:1) It produces thanksgiving and glory to God. (2

Corinthians 4:15) It affects our conversations. (Colossians 4:6) And it enables believers to live holy and godly lives. (2 Corinthians 1:12) Annie Johnson Flint, quoted in John R. Rice's Poems That Preach says it beautifully, "He giveth more grace when burdens grow greater, He sendth more strength when the labors increase. To added afflictions, He addeth His mercy, to multiplied trials, His multiplied peace. When we have exhausted our store of endurance, when our strength has failed when the day is half done. When we reach the end of our hoarded resources, our Father's full giving is only begun. His love has no limit, His grace has no measure. His power no boundary known to men. For out of His infinite riches in Jesus. He giveth and giveth again."

(The Tales of the Tardy Oxcart, Swindoll)

### FOR BETTER OR WORSE



As our children return to the classroom this fall, we are aware of dangers that we never used to concern ourselves with. How can we protect them in what was once thought of as a secure environment? There are no guarantees, but we must pray for their safety. It is important to ask God to work in the hearts and minds of those who shape the moral standards of our nation and the wonderful teachers who guide our children. We must take time to talk with our children and listen when they talk to us, for molding young spirits is not accomplished quickly. Lastly, and most importantly, it is imperative that we set the proper example for our youth. Worship together regularly as a family; ask your children to invite a friend to worship. We are determining the future of our society...for better or for worse.

#### Weekly Scripture Reading

Daniel 4.1-18	Daniel 4.19-37	Job 28.1-28	Luke 8.4-18	Luke 11.14-36	Luke 12.1-21	Luke 12.22-48
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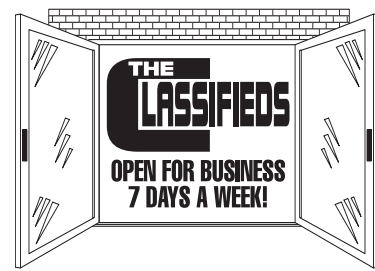
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