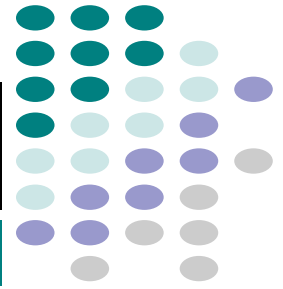


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GRACE, THE FREE LIFE-GIVING GIFT, OF GOD

This Month, we give Thought To **The Wonderful GRACE OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST HIS SON** Towards Us, His Children.

First we must lay a Foundation in Truth **The LORD, the Existing and Holy GOD** has given to us.

Where did **GOD**, and then Man, **start out TOGETHER?** (Genesis Chapters 1-3).

The LORD GOD, The Eternal Creator, Created the Heavens and the Earth. What a Magnificent and Skillful Job **HE** Did of it all. On a Planet covered with Water, **HIS SPIRIT HOVERED OVER** to Fashion Earth, Birds in the Air, Fish in the Sea, and a Perfect Garden of Delight, **He** Called EDEN! We Learn all of this from Genesis, The Book Of Beginnings.

GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN, From Eternity **HE** Created the Heavens and the Earth. **HE** Created the Sun, the Moon & Stars, and Began the Cycle of Time on the Earth. Time for **HIS Mankind**, Whom **He** would Create on the 6th Day, after All of **HIS** Creation was Prepared to Support Human Life on This Creatively Engineered planet.

Our Creator GOD, Is LORD of Perfection and Holiness, and Expects the Love & Worship Of All HIS Creation.

First Adam was Made, then Eve was Fashioned and Placed in The Garden that **GOD** Planted. Here **GOD** would **Test the Heart** of the Father and Mother of the Human Race, by 2 Trees. One, The Tree Of LIFE. Another, The tree of

knowledge of good and Evil. (Genesis 2:16-17)

We must understand the Importance of Both of These Trees... if we are to Understand what Decision was made concerning these Trees.

First of all, **GOD IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE, and The Tree of LIFE, Represented That Truth. HE IS CALLED THE LIVING GOD! HE IS Also Called THE GOD OF THE LIVING!** (Matthew 22:31-33).

Would Adam and Eve Look to **The LIVING GOD** AS THEIR SOURCE, or would they look to Themselves, and trust in all the knowledge of good and evil that they could put in their Mind as Their Source OF Independence from **The Living and Holy GOD?**

The Big Test was of Love, Obedience and Worship, of Creator GOD., or of Self. The Serpent Offered Adam and Eve the Very First **SELF-IMPROVEMENT** Plan. Not that they didn't already have **LIFE and The LORD GOD, The Perfect Source** of Everything Pertaining To LIFE!

But The Deceiver of The Human Race, Tempted Eve, and Adam following her, with The Lie of becoming **like GOD**, Through Knowledge by eating the fruit of 'the Tree of knowledge of good and Evil'. The Deceiver did not Tell them that knowledge of Evil would **Separate them from The Holy Living GOD**. Nor did he tell them that knowledge of all evil would result in their Spiritual death and Separation unto him as their new Master. Because they **CHOSE** this knowledge, the deceived came under the Power of The Deceiver. The Morning After

this Choice, The Holy Creator was not Welcomed when HE Visited Adam & Eve in the garden of Eden. Something was Terribly Wrong with **HIS** Adam. The **Living GOD** **Asked** him, "have you eaten from The Tree I Warned you not to eat from?" Adam blamed Eve for the Choice, Eve blamed the Deceiving Serpent.

The Deceiver thought that he had **WON** both the Earth., & the Father and Mother of All Future Human life thereafter.

But this Deceiver did not Expect The LORD GOD to Judge him With These Words, that would be fulfilled somewhere in A Future Time: -Since he had picked on The Woman, to Lie to, to Deceive, and to Subject to Misery., The WOMAN WOULD BRING INTO THE WORLD A SEED (Offspring) That Would Topple The Deceiver's Usurped Power Over them and The Deceiving Serpent would Pierce the Heel of (Crucify) This SEED Of The Woman. The Serpent Deceiver deceived himself into Crucifying JESUS CHRIST, hoping to put an end to the LIFE OF THE SAVIOR Of Humankind. In the death, burial and Rising of Jesus Christ, GOD HAD HIS PERFECT ADAM! Through Him, And By Our Faith In Him, we are Given Access Again To The Living GOD, THE GRACIOUS TREE OF LIFE! By Grace, because God is putting everything Together Again Through HIS Perfect Adam, HE invites us into life—A Life that goes on and on and on, world without end.

Romans 5:15

“Yet the rescuing gift is not exactly parallel to the death-dealing sin. If one man’s sin put crowds of people at the dead-end abyss of separation from God, just think what God’s gift poured through One Man, JESUS Christ, will do! 16There’s no comparison between that death-dealing sin and this generous, life-giving gift.” — Source of these Verses TMSG.