

**CHRIST CHURCH OF PRAYER – May 7, 2017**  
**By The Grace of God, I Am What I Am**

**Ephesians 2:8** For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God**—

**1 Corinthians 1:30-31 (NIV)**

<sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written (Jer. 9:24): “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

**Jeremiah 9:24** but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the LORD, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,” declares the LORD.

**Exodus 3:14** God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, I AM has sent me to you."

*"I AM WHAT I AM" by torin m.  
The reward of your labor is here,  
Through Jesus Christ the Lamb, . . .  
Knowing you labored not in vain  
And can say, "I am what I am."*

*College graduate, computer specialist,  
Lawyer, doctor, business achiever;  
But by the grace of God, I am. . .  
First and foremost, a believer.*

*I commit my service to God first,  
And then to my fellow man;  
So let there be no question that,  
I am, what I am.*

*In my goals and aspirations,  
I sow a mighty spiritual seed,  
Knowing in due season, by faith I'll reap  
And by faith I'll achieve.*

*I'll make my way boldly in this world,  
With a Holy Spiritual rod, . . .  
Knowing surely and sho'nuff, I am, what I am, . . .  
I AM A CHILD OF GOD.  
(inspired by 1 Corinthians 15:10)*

**1 Corinthians 15:10**

**But by the grace of God I am what I am**, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—**yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.**

A humble spirit is usually a gracious spirit. When our pride is subdued, God's grace reigns.

Grace is the unconditional, unmerited love of God for us.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

**2 Corinthians 12:1-10**

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. <sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up to paradise and heard inexpressible things, things that no one is permitted to tell. <sup>5</sup> I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, <sup>7</sup> or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**Verses on God's Grace**

- 2 Corinthians 1:12
- Romans 12:3
- Acts 20:24
- Romans 5:1-8

**2 Corinthians 13:14** *May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

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