



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

One of the amazing truths found in sacred Scripture is God's abundant generosity. He is neither stingy nor indigent toward those He saves. God never withholds that which we need for salvation, and His salvific blessings are never in short supply (or "out-of-stock"). No one is "barely saved." God does not even give us one portion of His grace for every one portion of our sin. Those whom God saves are saved without merit and without measure.

In Ephesians 2:4, we read that God is "rich in mercy" and acts with "great love." Elsewhere the Bible declares that God is "abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex.34:6); that He saves with "great mercy" (1Pet.1:3); that He possesses "abundant goodness" (Ps.145:7); that He poured out His mercy on us "richly through Jesus Christ our Savior" (Tit.3:6); and speaks of the "riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience" (Rom.2:4), and "the riches of His grace, which He lavished upon us" (Eph.1:7-8).

The glorious truth of God's infinite generosity is stated clearly in Romans 5:20, "Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." The Greek word translated "abounded all the more" means to super-abound, to be overflowing, or to be multiplied-exponentially. Of this truth, Charles Spurgeon said: "Oh, for an angel's tongue to tell out the wondrous mystery! My poor lips are quite unequal to this tremendous task, it is vain for me to attempt to describe the grace that so gloriously abounded in our Lord upon the cross" (sermon: "Grace Abounding", 1866).

Annie Johnson Flint (1866-1932) – who lost both her parents when she was young, and later both her adoptive parents, and suffered from crippling arthritis most of her life – beautifully captured the reality of God's abounding love and grace, in her hymn titled "He Giveth More Grace" (written in 1930):

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;
To added affliction He addeth His mercy;
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.

His love has no limit; His grace has no measure.
His pow'r has no boundary known unto men;
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus,
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again!

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David
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Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #21):

Exodus 29-32; 2 Samuel 20-24; Psalm 60-62; Job 41-42; Jeremiah 42-46; Luke 5-6; 2 Corinthians 11-13

Recommended Reading:

"Abounding Grace" by John Bunyan