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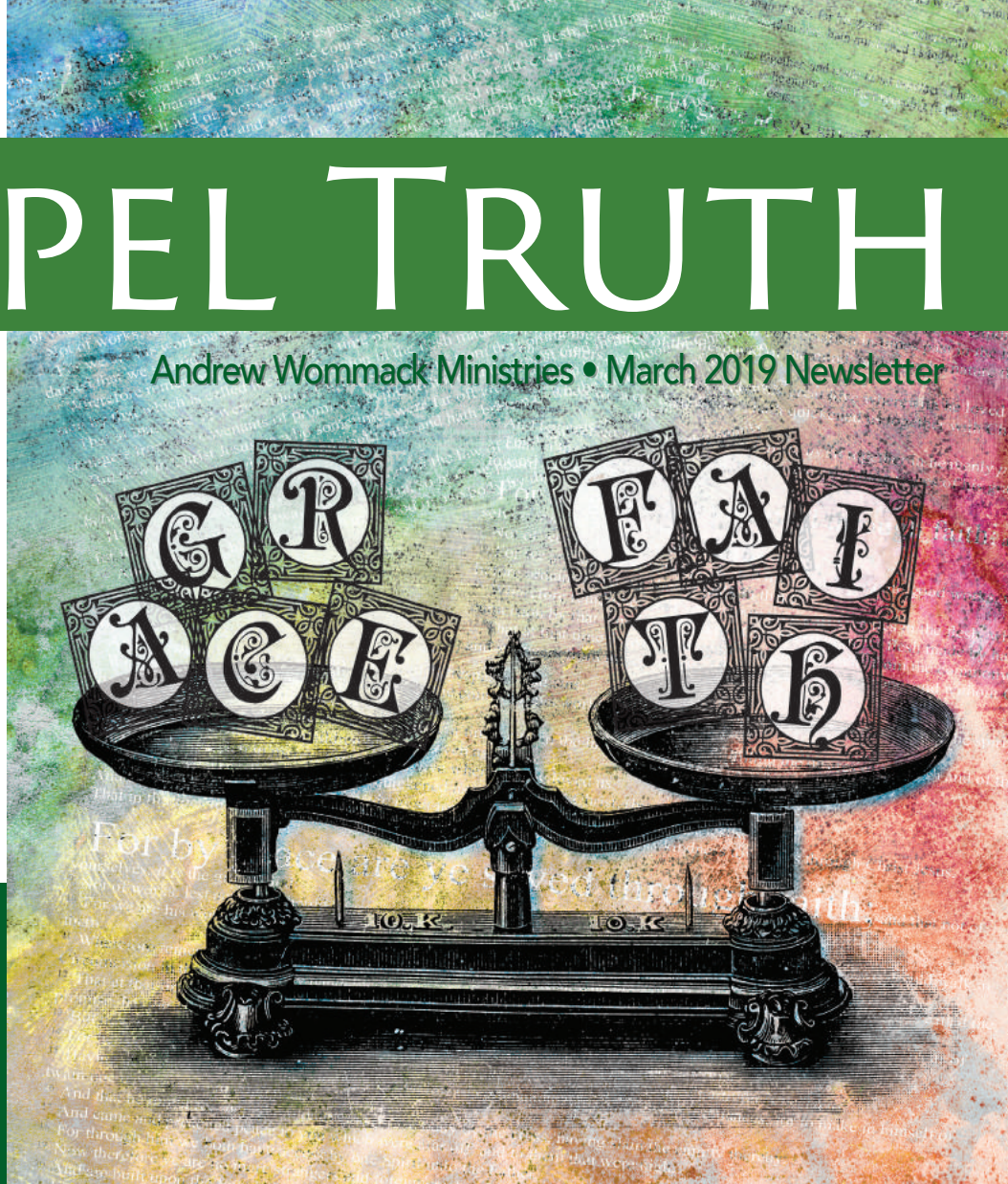
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LIVING in the Balance of Grace and Faith



One of the questions I get asked the most is "How do I receive from God?" People usually follow that up with "I've been praying, reading my Bible, going to church, and paying my tithes. I've been doing everything the Bible says to do." What they don't realise is that when they do that, they've just told me why they don't receive: they think their performance should earn them something from God. This is a misunderstanding of the balance of grace and faith and their relationship to each other.

The word *grace* means unmerited, undeserved favour. Therefore, **grace has nothing to do with you earning anything from God.** Grace existed before you ever came to be. Another way of saying this is **grace is God's part.** *Faith* is defined as a positive response to what God has already provided by grace. In other words, **faith is your positive response to God's grace,** or faith only appropriates what God has already provided for you. Therefore, **faith is your part.**

Grace and faith work together, and they must be in balance.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says,

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Sometimes we read a passage from

Scripture that is so familiar, we don't stop to think about what it is really saying. In this verse, a profound truth is being declared. It says that we are saved by grace through faith, not one or the other. Think of it this way: **Grace is what God does. Faith is what we do.** It takes both working together for us to receive salvation.

Salvation is not dependent on grace alone. If it were, everyone would be saved and going to heaven, for God's grace is the same toward everyone (Titus 2:11). He has already given the gift of salvation to everyone through Jesus. It is by faith that a person receives what was done 2,000 years ago.

Most of us believe that in order to be saved, we need to ask God to forgive us of our sins, but that isn't what the Bible teaches. In 1 John 2:2, it states that Jesus was the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. Jesus didn't just die for those He knew would accept Him; He died for every sinner who has ever lived on this earth. And He died before you or I ever committed a single sin.

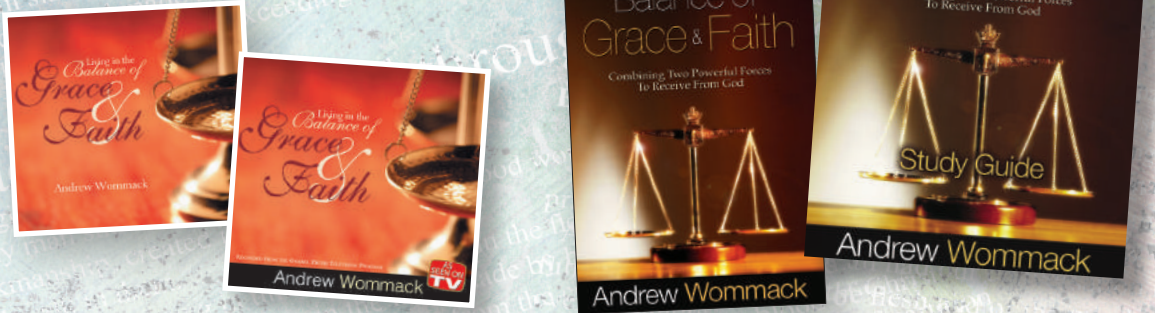
Here is a radical truth that would get me kicked out of most churches: **Sin is not an issue with God!** The Lord isn't waiting for us to ask Him to forgive us of our sins. The sins of the entire world - past, present, and future - have already been forgiven. Even a man like Adolf Hitler had grace extended to him! Jesus loved Hitler and paid for his sins just as He did for yours and mine. God is no respecter of persons (Rom. 2:11).

God has already done His part; it is now up to you to receive the truth by faith and make it a reality in your life. Amen!

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Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith PACKAGE

Grace and faith are often seen as opposing forces, but they are both essential to our Christian walk! However, emphasise either to the exclusion of the other and the imbalance will make it difficult to receive from God. Learn how they complement each other in the *Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith* Package.



God's grace has provided not only for salvation but also for every need of your life. That provision is not based on whether you are reading the Bible enough, praying enough, going to church, or even paying your tithes. Before you ever had a financial need, God created the provision. Before you were sick, God, through grace, provided your healing (1 Pet. 2:24). Before you ever became discouraged, God blessed you with all spiritual blessings (Eph. 1:3). God anticipated every need you could ever have and met those needs through Jesus before you existed. That's grace.

Jesus hasn't saved, healed, delivered, or prospered a single person in the last 2,000 years. What God provided by grace 2,000 years ago now becomes a reality when mixed with faith. Faith appropriates what God has already provided. Faith doesn't move God; He isn't the one who is stuck. Faith doesn't make God do anything. Grace and faith work together, and **our part is to accept what God has already done.** Grace must be balanced with faith.

It is not the truth that sets you free; it's the truth you know that sets you free (John 8:32). And the truth is that you need to put your faith in what God has already done, not in what you do.

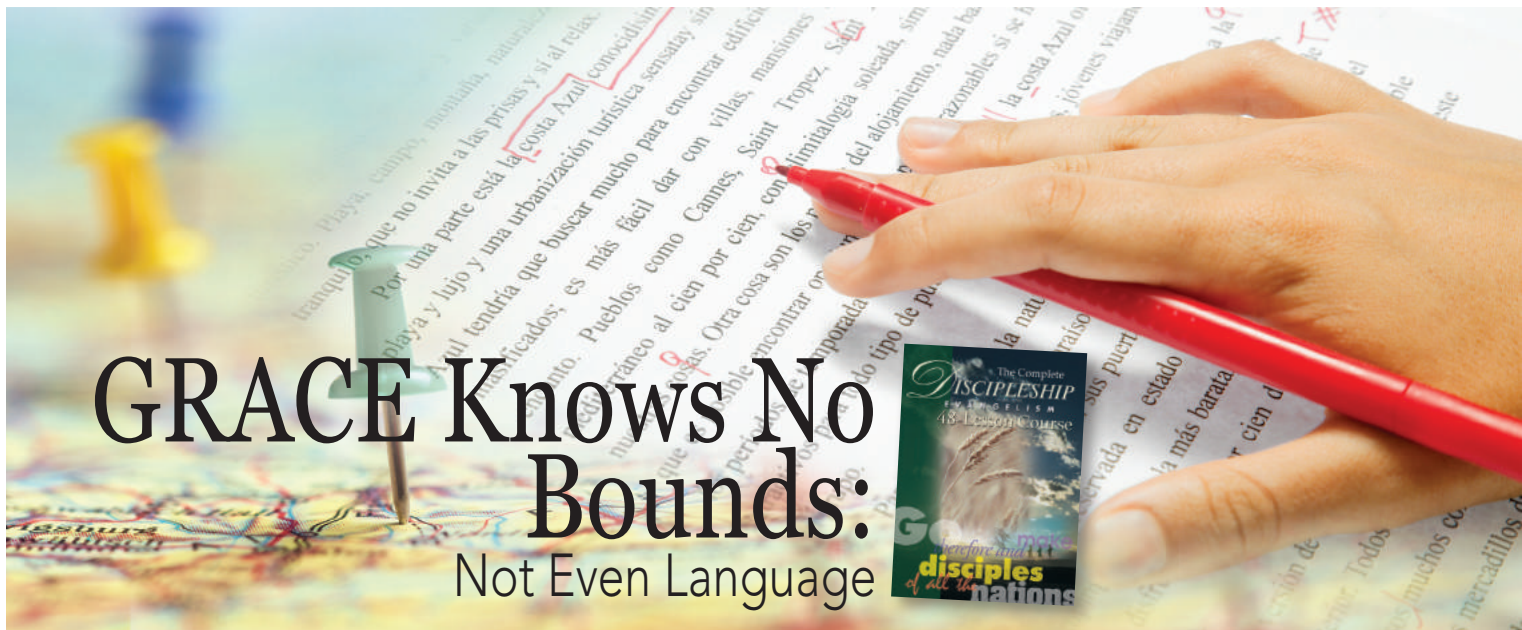
God has done His part by giving His Son, Jesus. His grace has provided everything through the sacrifice of Jesus. **This is nearly too good to be true because there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn it and nothing we can do to lose it.** Our part is simple: we respond to His grace by faith and appropriate what has already been accomplished.

As simple as this sounds, most Christians don't understand this concept. Many emphasise grace and others emphasise faith. But too few emphasise balancing grace and faith. It's like sodium and chloride: taken individually, both are poisons and can kill you. When mixed together, they become salt, which you must have to live. Grace without your positive response of faith won't save you, and faith that isn't a response to God's grace will bring you into condemnation. But if you put your faith in what God has already done for you, you'll have the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).

This is foundational to your relationship with God and the reason you may not be seeing your prayers answered. To help you, I encourage you to get my *Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith* Package. It includes the *Living in the Balance of Grace and Faith* CD or DVD series, paperback book, and study guide. To order this special package, go to **awme.net**, call our Helpline at **+44 (0)1922 473 300**, or complete and return the enclosed card.

You are blessed,

Andrew and Jamie



GRACE Knows No Bounds: Not Even Language

Andrew Wommack Ministries' mission is to take the Gospel as far and as deep as possible. In our efforts to "teach all nations" (Matt. 28:19), we are hard at work translating the grace message and delivering it around the world. But translation is no simple task. AWM's global translations and publications manager, Lesley Rowe, spent three years collecting data on global translations alone. But the people reached through translation make it all worth it.

To protect and maintain Andrew's message, Lesley has put a system in place to vet potential translators and proofreaders. She says, "We've created policies and procedures to protect the integrity of the message and Andrew's intellectual property because when a translation is made in a foreign language, technically it is a new legal entity. It is a new work."

Lesley continues, "We now engage with translators and proofreaders who are preferably Charis graduates, alumni or partners. They know who Andrew is, they know his style of teaching, they know his nuances, and they're also familiar with the grace message. Equally, they need to have a proven standard of education in both English grammar and in the mother tongue. It is quite a tall order, but it is proving

to be effective." Using this strategy, Lesley has grown a network of translators and proofreaders with solid linguistic skills and a passion for the Gospel. This became especially important when translating the Discipleship Evangelism (DE) program.

The DE program trains and mentors true disciples, instead of just creating converts. This program has been translated into many languages and enables AWM to potentially reach a large percentage of the world's population. DE is used in small groups, Bible schools, one-on-one discipleship, and even seminars.

As of 2014, DE was translated into Afrikaans, Dutch, German, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Polish, Russian, Spanish, and Slovene. Within the last two years, numerous new DE translations have been added to the growing list, including Modern Standard Arabic, Chinese Simplified (Mandarin), Chinese Traditional (Cantonese), French, Italian, Brazilian Portuguese, Burmese, four Ugandan dialects, and Swahili. Collectively, AWM has materials in 46 languages.

Translations are one of the best tools to accomplish AWM's mission. With two more upcoming DE translations (Farsi and Japanese), the potential reach of DE translations alone will be 4.5 billion people.

Looking ahead to 2019, seven more DE translations are planned: Kannada, Tamil, Urdu, Bulgarian, European Portuguese, Sinhalese, and Fijian. Lesley shares, "The potential is amazing, but we have to do it sensitively and slowly. Everything has to be done with patience and excellence."

Are you a Charis graduate or alumni wanting to sow back into the ministry? If you also have the required experience for translation, please contact us at enquiries@awme.net. Join the growing network of people who work behind the scenes to spread the Gospel across the globe - one word at a time.





Faith & LOVE

LIVING Devotional

Grace in Abundance

1 Timothy 1:14

And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

Notice that faith and love came with the grace God extended toward Paul. This harkens back to what he said in 1 Timothy 1:12 when he spoke of the Lord counting him faithful:

And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.

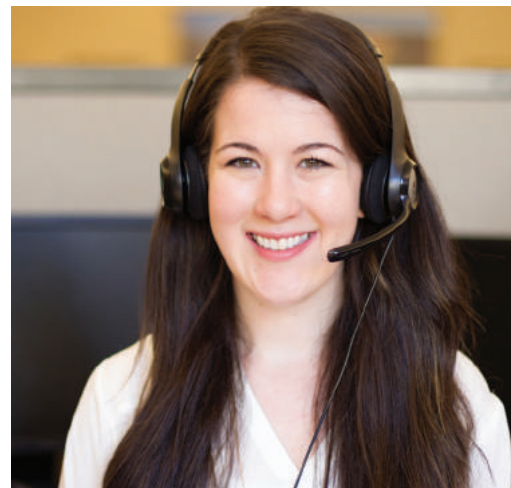
God had faith in Paul and gave Paul His faith so that he could believe and live a victorious life. In Galatians 2:20, Paul said he was living by the faith **of**, not faith **in**, the Son of God. I don't believe it is wrong to say we put faith in the Son of God, but Paul was clearly stating that he was living by the faith **of** Jesus.

Many believers don't realise what they have, because this faith is in their born-again spirits. It can't be perceived with just carnal methods. They just have to trust the revelation given in God's spiritual mirror (John 6:63 and James 1:25). There isn't a lack of faith, just a lack of knowledge (2 Pet. 1:3).

Notice also that the grace of Jesus that was extended to the Apostle Paul was exceedingly abundant. The verb *hyperpleonazo*, from which "exceeding abundant" was translated, was only used once in the New Testament—here. It literally means "to be exceedingly abundant . . . overflows . . . to possess in excess" (*Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon*). Therefore, the Apostle Paul received God's grace in abundance, accompanied by faith and love.

The Lord doesn't just extend mercy to us that delivers us from the consequences of our actions. He also extends faith to us that enables us to appropriate God's great love for us and all the benefits that love has provided. Praise the Lord!

(Taken from Andrew's *Living Commentary*)



AWMPACT Phone Centre

Every day, people struggling with addictions, financial and health problems, and spiritual concerns call the Andrew Wommack Ministries Helpline, seeking a word from God. Thankfully, the Lord is ready to aid His people, and on the other end of the phone, an army of His ministers is ready. The Holy Spirit instructs them on what to say so they will know how to encourage the weary (Is. 50:4).

As the Lord ministers to people through call after call, their cries for help turn into gratitude and praise to God, which is what happened for this woman from Dallas: "I cannot thank you or your team enough for being there and praying alongside me in my dark and tough seasons of growth."

However, our phone ministers are not the only heroes. This is made possible by you, the people who believe in what God is doing through AWM and accept God's call to love others as themselves. We salute you and want to thank you for your support!

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TAKING the Gospel Far and Deep:

Andrew's Trip to the UK and Africa

Last year, Andrew, Stephen Bransford (AWM's media director), and a small film crew travelled to the UK and from there to Uganda and Kenya. They brought back some amazing stories and testimonies. We would love to tell you every last detail of what occurred, but we just don't have the room. Here is a brief account of what took place over a few days during the trip:

After flying overnight from London to Uganda, Andrew was met by a high-speed police escort that took him to his hotel in Kampala, where he was scheduled to have lunch with Apostle Grace Lubega.

Apostle Grace is a young pastor who has built a phenomenal ministry in just four years. His church seats an enthusiastic crowd of 7,000 each Sunday, with a live stream to 55,000 people across East Africa. Through television and the Internet, he has become a disciple of Andrew Wommack, and he teaches the same message of grace that is freely available through Andrew's ministry website.

Throughout the night, 350 members of Apostle Grace's church worked to prepare the Kampala soccer field at the Lugogo Sports Complex for a Gospel Truth Seminar. They erected a stage with a sound system and lights, and they set up 8,000 chairs for what would be the largest crowd Andrew had ever ministered to in his life. That evening the field filled with worshippers, a testimony to the

impact that the almost-too-good-to-be-true news has had on Ugandans since Andrew first introduced the message on Lighthouse Television in 2002.

However, as night fell and Andrew took the stage, the power went off, plunging everyone into darkness. As the minutes passed, it was feared that people would begin to leave. But for a full half-hour, no one left. Across the field, people began to sing, and Andrew turned on his cell phone light and waved from the stage. Before long, the field was worshipping God as they waited for power to be restored. When the lights and sound came on again, Andrew continued his teaching. At the invitation, 800 believers responded to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, with dozens being born again.

We often say that we couldn't do what we do without our friends and partners and their generous support. Well, we mean it! This testimony would never have come about if not for the open hearts and giving natures of AWM's friends and partners. God is opening the doors to eastern Africa, and you are enabling us to walk through them!

So much happened during those two weeks overseas. We have put together a special video that we would love to share with you. Go to awmi.net/africa to enjoy more highlights from this historic trip.



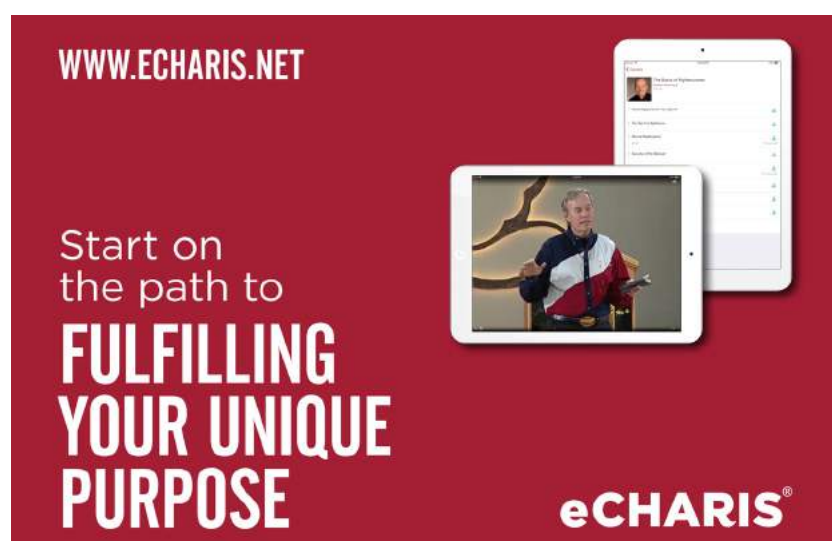
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April 12-13 • Woodland Park, CO

John Tesh Concert

April 25 • Woodland Park, CO

MAY

The Shepherd's House Church

May 1 • Lewisville, TX

Texas Gospel Truth Seminar

May 2-4 • Irving, TX

Calvary Cathedral International Church

May 5 • Fort Worth, TX

UK Grace and Faith 2019

May 24-27 • Telford, UK

JUNE

Scotland Gospel Truth Seminar

June 1-2 • Dumfries, Scotland

Kingdom Business Summit

June 12-14 • Woodland Park, CO

JULY

Summer Family Bible Conference

July 1-5 • Woodland Park, CO

In God We Trust Musical

July 4 • Woodland Park, CO

Charis Day

July 27 • Woodland Park, CO

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