



## GRACE BE UNTO YOU! (Colossians 4:18; John 3:16-17)

Intro: *More than a religious: "it's alright"*

### I. GRACE BE UNTO YOU

- A. 2/3's of the New Testament begins or ends with this phrase (Rom.1:7; II Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:2; Phil. 4:23; Col. 1:2; 4:18)
- B. This was a common phrase in Greek culture:
  - *toasts & business letters*
- C. Jesus is God's Grace in the flesh (Jn. 3:16-17)
  - *God's Riches At Christ's Expense*
- D. Grace does not make everything alright in this life
- E. Grace enables us to look reality in the face & know God won't let us down

### II. GOD'S GRACE IS PURE GIFT (Eph. 2:8-9)

- A. Grace is pardon to forgive sins
  - *The Lord's Supper*
- B. Grace is power to change lives
  - *Don Quixote*
- C. Grace is His promise for the future (Matt. 28:20; Rom.8:31)

### III. WHY DO WE CALL GOD'S GRACE AMAZING?

- A. Because it is contrary to all common sense
- B. Because it is ours whether or not we deserve it, recognize it, or appreciate it
- C. Because it expresses the very heart of our Triune God-Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Conclusion : *What is there left to say, but – "GRACE BE UNTO YOU!"*