



## **”Grace”**, Pastor Doug’s Newsletter, 02/20/2013

Dear Friends,

I have been struck again by this wonderful word, "Grace!" Someone asked once, "what do we have by Grace?" The other person responded, "Everything!" I have been given this moment in time to live, "By Grace!" I have a wonderful wife, children and six grandchildren, "By Grace." I have been wonderfully saved and my name has been written in the Lambs book of Life, "By Grace!" I have the honor of serving Christ in this day and age here and around the land, "By Grace." Our list could and probably should go on and on, but you get the picture.

So, why do we get sidetracked every once in awhile (sometimes more often than that,lol) and start feeling that "pity party?" You know the feeling I am sure, "why is life at this stage so hard?" "I have been trying to do what is right, and it seems like it is going nowhere, or things just seem worse and worser (Farrol, doesn't correct this spelling,lol)?" "Why don't things happen the way I think they should?" "It seems like I am taking two steps forward and getting set back three, what's going on here?" "If I didn't have bad luck, I'd have no luck at all(saw that on "Laugh In,long ago." Again, this list could go on and on as we all know.

I am grateful for the Grace of God that He has wonderfully given, lavished on, and filled each of us with as Christ followers. When I fix my eyes on "His Grace" and not my circumstances, it is amazingly wonderful how very encouraged I become. The Power of His Presence, in the midst of life's happenings is truly great to behold, we have that "By Grace."

I/We have been given this moment in time, called today, "By Grace" to live it for His glory, impacting those He puts us around in our sphere of influence with the hope, love, truth and "Grace" of our Lord. What a wonderful privilege! May each of us be found faithful to the task and obedient to His call for our lives!

Have a great day friends we have this day.....by Grace!

Your friend,

**Pastor Doug**