

THE HUMILITY OF FAITH

Pro 3:34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

Jas 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

1Pe 5:5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "GOD RESISTS THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE."

The number three in the Bible is God's own number. When you see something connected with the number three you can rest assured God's hand is all over it. Here we see three times in the scripture that God proclaims that He will give grace to the humble. The Trinity is shouting to all humanity that His grace which is His unearned merit, ability, and power are given to the humble. The word "humble" both in the Hebrew and Greek means a **low place**. As water flows to fill up the low places first, so God's grace flows to fill up humble people. We all need grace and we know God has said that grace is given to the humble so it is very important to know how to humble ourselves in order to receive and experience grace! Humility is something that God has left for us to do. Contrary to popular opinion, God does not humble people. People must humble themselves. If people do not humble themselves God will resist them and often due to dire circumstances people will get to a place where they will humble themselves, but God is not in the business of humbling people. Therefore, humbling ourselves is something God has left for us to do. In the New Covenant there is only one main requirement given to believers. It is found in their designation as a **believer**, it is to **BELEIVE!** This is man's sole responsibility in the New Covenant. If we will but believe then God will give His grace. Everything we are called to do as Christians is to be done **BY FAITH**. We are to love by faith. We are to give in faith, we are to be patient by faith, we are to walk in faith, and we are to **LIVE BY FAITH**. [Rom 1:17] Therefore, the only way we can humble ourselves is **BY FAITH**. Humility has no greater basis and cannot not be reduced down any further than to simply believe God. If we have a defect with our Christian life, it can be traced back to a faith defect. Surely, it cannot be traced back to a God defect! However, many act like it does! God has no defect. There is no defect with His Word, His grace, His faithfulness, His wisdom, His plan, or His love. Any

defect in our life can be traced back to a faith defect. We can either have a no faith defect [ignorance], a doubt defect [wavering], an unbelief defect, or a dead faith defect. All of these have relation to faith. A no faith problem is fixed by hearing the Word of God and overcoming ignorance. The doubt problem is one of vacillating from believing God's Word and then believing circumstances or the senses. It is fixed by looking only to God's Word. An unbelief problem is one in which the senses and circumstances are ruling in one's heart. This is solved again by looking only to God's Word. A dead faith problem is where we are not speaking or acting upon our faith. We act on our faith by words and by actions. Faith must be released by words and actions. Words and actions proceed from faith in the heart.

Having humility believes God's Word even in the face of contrary circumstances and feelings. Feelings and the Devil are dearest bed-fellows! Humbling our self then is done by speaking and acting on God's Word even in the face of contrary circumstances or feelings.

God formed everything that we see by faith filled words. The natural world is changeable. The spiritual world is not. Faith released will change the natural world and feelings because it draws upon the spiritual grace of God that changes things! **Humility will say only what God says because He is the ultimate source of reality.** This world and what we see is not the ultimate source of reality! Unbelievers and carnal Christians do not believe this. They call what they can sense as ultimate reality. They are asking God to change this reality. God wants them to believe what He says is ultimate reality even if it contradicts their reality. Faith released in words and actions that line up with what God has said will change circumstances to conform to His Word. However, carnal Christians see their circumstances as ultimate reality and want God to change what they see as negative ultimate reality in the natural world to a more favorable ultimate reality. However, ultimate reality does not originate on earth, but in Heaven! The Spiritual realm is ultimate reality and it can only be tapped into by faith in what God has said. This ultimate reality is unchanging but has the power to change things to conform to it! God will not change earthly realities until ultimate reality is first believed, confessed, and acted upon!

God says by the stripes of Jesus you **WERE** healed. [1 Peter 2:24] This is ultimate reality. It is spiritual. If believed, confessed, and acted upon it will change natural reality to God's ultimate reality! God says he

has made us rich. [2 Cor. 8:9] God says we are righteous and free from sin and bondage. [Romans 6:6-7] These are ultimate reality because God said they were so. Anything to the contrary is **NOT** ultimate reality. It may be our physical reality as we experience it, but it IS NOT ultimate reality until it lines up with what God says. We humble ourselves by saying what God says. We continue in humility by continuing to say what God says no matter what our physical reality says. Through faith and patience we will inherit the promises and we will enjoy God's ultimate reality in our life! Many people however are controlled by what they sense and experience and to them they speak and act as if they are ultimate reality. Therefore, they beg God or try to get Him to do something about it for them. God will not until they believe what He has said is ultimate reality.

If we are not experiencing grace it is because we are not humble. This means we are in pride. God resists the proud. [James 4:6] "Resist" here does not mean God goes to battle against us, but it is the kind of resisting that a door does to us when it is locked and we have no key. No matter how hard we try to get it to open it will not. It resists us! If we do not believe God by speaking what He says and act upon it then God is like a locked door. No matter how we try to motivate Him to act for us, or try to manipulate Him by our works, He will resist us! Grace can only be obtained by humility. Faith is humility. Speaking God's words consistently no matter what our senses say is humbling our selves. This will surely draw the grace of God to us, like a ditch with rain water! When you speak in line with God's Word you will often feel like a phony because it will go directly against what it looks like and the way you feel. This is not the case. The circumstances and the feelings are the phonies! They are **NOT** ultimate reality. God and His Word is ultimate reality. Many will not speak God's Word because they want to be "real". They are actually being phony, proud, and "real" carnal. Be "real" and start speaking what God has said about you and to you and you will see some real grace released to see some real blessings come to you! It is time to humble yourself!