

Application questions

The Spirit's Grace, the Spirit's Glory
Ephesians 1:13-14

Theme: The Holy Spirit applies, seals, and secures God's grace to us in Christ.

Quotes:

I am His by purchase and I am His by conquest; I am His by covenant and I am His by marriage; I am wholly His; I am peculiarly His; I am universally His; I am eternally His. Once I was a slave but now I am a son; once I was dead but now I am alive; once I was darkness but now I am light in the Lord; once I was a child of wrath, an heir of hell, but now I am an heir of heaven; once I was Satan's bond-servant but now I am God's freeman; once I was under the spirit of bondage but now I am under the Spirit of adoption that seals up to me the remission of my sins, the justification of my person and the salvation of my soul." - Thomas Brooks

"Perhaps much of our slow progress in the walk of faith is to be traced to our overlooking the love of the Spirit. We do not deal with Him, for strength and advancement, as one who really loves us, and longs to bless us, and delights to help our infirmities (Rom 8:26). We regard Him as cold, or distant, or austere; we do not trust Him for His grace, nor realize how much He is in earnest in His dealings with us. More childlike confidence in Him and in His love would help us on mightily. Let us not grieve Him, nor vex Him, nor quench Him by our untrustfulness, by disbelieving or doubting the riches of His grace, the abundance of His loving-kindness." —Horatius Bonar

Questions:

1. Do you wake up each day and go to bed each night thinking of the lavish grace of God for you in Christ? Or are you more aware of your sins than your Savior? Do you think your sin restricts his grace? What particular sins do you think change God's generous grace to you? what truth about grace do you need to press into your heart to combat this unbelief?
2. Do you speak grace to others? Do you seek the help of others in identifying sin and applying grace?