

GLEANINGS

THE DISPENSATION OF GRACE

The age or dispensation of Grace will last from the time of Adam and Eve to the last person who will take advantage of God's glorious plan of salvation (before we go back into unmeasured time, that is to say, eternity). Not one of us deserves salvation. Anyone who is saved is saved because of the unmerited favor of God.

JEHOVAH'S GRACE, WHEN HE OFFERED SALVATION TO EVERY SINNER, DOES NOT EXCUSE US FROM KEEPING HIS MORAL LAWS.

Each of us is accountable for keeping His moral laws. We will, in this life (if we have accepted Christ as our Savior) or through eternity (if we have not accepted Christ as our Savior) be punished for every unforgiven sin that we commit.

"My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son. ⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? ⁸If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons." (Hebrews 12:5-8 NIV)

¹⁰And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. ¹¹Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. ¹³The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. ¹⁴Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. ¹⁵If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire. (Revelation or Apocalypse 20:10-15 NIV)