

THE POWER OF LIVING DIFFERENTLY

Part 1: Strong In Grace

WHAT DOES A STRONG CHRISTIAN LOOK LIKE?

- ❖ Good guidelines **(1 Corinthians 16:13-14 NKJV)**
 - ◆ Watch - alert and aware spiritually
 - ◆ Stand fast in the faith
 - ◆ Brave - facing not running from difficult situations
 - ◆ Strong - bearing up not faint or feeble. Solidly built
 - ◆ Done with love - the new testament commandment
(1 Corinthians 13:4-7 NKJV)
- ❖ Paul's encouragement to Timothy **(2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV)**
 - ◆ Be strong in the grace that's in Christ

GRACE, THE BIG NEW TESTAMENT THEME

- ❖ Grace - God's undeserved and unearned favor
 - ◆ And God's power and ability on our behalf because of Jesus
- ❖ Paul defined his message as a message of grace **(Acts 20:24 NKJV)**
 - ◆ Grace is always good news **(Ephesians 2:11-13 NKJV)**
 - ◆ The Jewish world was caught up in outward things **(Hebrews 13:9 NKJV)**
- ❖ The word of God's grace **(Acts 20:32 NKJV)**
 - ◆ First we pursue a relationship with God
 - ◆ And we pursue a relationship with God's word
- ❖ Paul's example **(Acts 22:24-29 NKJV)**
 - ◆ He was about to be beaten badly
 - ◆ But he knew who he was - a Roman citizen
 - ◆ And he knew what his rights were
 - ◆ So he spoke up - and was spared

BE STRONG IN THE GRACE (2 Timothy 2:1 NKJV)

- ❖ What strong in grace is not
 - ◆ Not being strong in yourself
 - ◆ Not a feeling of strength
 - ◆ Not being good enough
- ❖ Strong in grace requires faith on our part
 - ◆ That was our entrance into God's grace **(Ephesians 2: 4-9 NKJV)**