

BECOMING A STRONGER CHRISTIAN

Part 2: Strong In Grace (pt 2)

GRACE A MAJOR NEW TESTAMENT THEME

- ❖ Paul spoke of his message as one of grace **(Acts 20:24 NKJV)**
 - ✦ For Gentiles they had no heritage they could fall back on
 - ✦ The Jewish world was still caught up in outward activities **(Hebrews 13:9 NKJV)**
- ❖ Side note to characteristics of a strong Christian
 - ✦ Not as moved by challenges and problems
 - ✦ Not as caught up in his own life **(John 3:30 NKJV)**
 - ✦ A purpose driven life **(Hebrews 12:1 NKJV)**
 - ✦ Joy as we run **(Psalm 19:5 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)**