

THE POWER OF RECEIVING

He came unto his own, and his own received him not, but as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 1:11-12

OUTLINE

- Introduction
- We Must Receive God's Son (ACCEPT)
- We Must Receive God's Word (WELCOME)
- We Must Receive God's Grace (HOLD ONTO)
- Conclusion

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S SON

- Accepting His Authority
 - **John 1:1; 10-11- Divine
 - **Matthew 28:18- "all authority"
 - **John 5:43- "I came in my Father's name, and you do not receive me."
- Acts 4:12- Authority to secure eternal salvation.
- Acts 10:43- Believing receives remission of sins

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S SON

- Accepting His Will
 - **John 6:35 "come" accepting authority
"believing" accepting will
 - **Luke 19:14- "We will not have this man to reign over us."
- Obedience requires accepting and submitting to His will.

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

- James 1:21- "...receive with meekness the engrafted word..."
- Acts 2:41- "Then they that gladly received his word..."
- Acts 17:11- "...they received the word with all readiness of mind,..."

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

- Colossians 2:6- "...walk in him." (Christ Jesus)
- 1 Thessalonians 2:13- "welcomed the word of God..."
- John 12:48- We must know God's commandments and do them. (Luke 6:46)

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

- **Romans 5:17**– God's grace (manifested in Jesus Christ) overcomes Adam's sin.

God's GRACE

Sufficient **2 Corinthians 12:9**

Abundant **Romans 5:17**

All-Powerful **2 Corinthians 9:8**

WE MUST RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE

Question: Can we refuse God's grace? **Ephesians 2:8**

Grace always has a purpose: preserves, supplies, sustains, or guides.

Forfeiting God's unmerited favor means: a) forfeiting God's Savior **John 1:12**; b) forfeiting God's mercy
2 Corinthians 4:1

CONCLUSION

TITUS 2:11-14



INVITATION

Need to Be Baptized?

- Hear the Word
- Believe the Word
- Repent of Sin
- Confess the name of Christ
- Submit to be Baptized
- Live Faithfully

Need to Return to Christ?

- Repent of Sin
- Confess Sin to God
- Pray to God for Forgiveness
- Live Righteously