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THE DOCTRINE OF SUPER GRACE LIFE

A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
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HEBREWS 6:1

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Let me give you a correct translation of Hebrews 6:1-6, and then we will come back and look closely at these very important verses.

Verse 1

"Therefore having graduated from the elementary doctrine of The Christ, let us advance ourselves toward maturity (The super grace life), not laying again the foundation (1st) of a change of mind away from dead works (2nd) and faith toward God

Verse 2

(3rd) Doctrine of baptisms (4th) as well as the laying on of hands (5th) and resurrection from the source of deaths (plural) (6th) and of eternal judgment

Verse 3

And this we will begin to do if only God gives us permission (if He lets us live to accomplish it)

Verse 4

For you see it is impossible for those having once been enlightened (illuminated--This is a technical participle showing the work of the Holy Spirit at the point of salvation. You hear and the Holy Spirit illuminates you) and have tasted for themselves the gracious gift from heaven and have become partners with the Holy Spirit

Verse 5

And have tasted for themselves noble doctrine from God and his inherent abilities of the coming age (the Millennium)

Verse 6

And having gone astray into reversionism. For, you see, it is impossible to restore them again with reference to righteousness while so long as they again and again crucify to themselves the Son of God even exposing him to public shame and contempt."

HEBREWS 6:1 "Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God," "Therefore leaving"-- and this is an aorist, active, participle of "Aphiemi" and it means to graduate. So this is saying, "Having graduated from the elementary doctrines of The Christ."

Notice what these elementary doctrines of The Christ are--

(They include--The Incarnation--His Hypostatic Union--The King Priest--The Sacrifice Of Himself on The Cross--The Perpetuation Of His Priesthood--His Resurrection and Ascension, and Session.)

Next we have here what we call a culminative aorist, and this shows the steps we had to take in order to come to this graduation. We learned basic doctrine step by step, so "aphiemi" really should be translated "Having graduated." The active voice means that you have to learn basic doctrine for yourself. Please notice that the doctrine referred to here is doctrine about The Christ. The participle has antecedent action relative to the main verb which is "let us go on." In other words, now that we have graduated from the primary doctrines about The Christ, we can now move on to deeper doctrine.

Elementary Doctrines

The word "principles" comes from "arche" and it means elementary doctrine. It means the a, b, c, of doctrine. The true object of this participle is "ton logon." But in between these two words "ton logon" in the Greek New Testament, we have "tes arches touchristou" which is "the elementary of the Christ." But we know that "ton logon" go together so we know a correct translation here is this--

"Having been graduated from the doctrine, the elementary doctrines of the Christ."

This Is The Title Of The Six Things Listed Here

The List

1. Repentance from dead works.
2. Faith toward God.
3. Baptisms.
4. Laying on of hands.
5. Resurrection from the deaths.
6. Eternal judgments.

We have learned these things. Also added to this list are the elementary doctrines of The Christ. These we have listed above.

Let Us Go On

This is a command and it comes from the present, middle, subjunctive of "Phero" and it means to "bear down." (One great athlete transformed the team he played with by giving constant emphasis to these words "BEAR DOWN." They painted these words on the roof of their gym and every athlete adopted this as a motto.

So "Phero" means to bear down, it means to advance against pressure. It is a military word. It is a tendential present. This means action that is purposed but is not taking place. It ought to be this way but it isn't, it's the idea of the tendential present. This present tense points to what is intended by this subjunctive mood. The middle voice here means "Let us bear down and advance ourselves." And the only way to do this is to learn Bible doctrine. The subjunctive mood here means that the writer is commanding you to do this.

So this verse says this--"Therefore, having been graduated from the doctrines, the elementary doctrines of the Christ, let us advance toward maturity."

Look At Maturity

We have here "epi" plus the accusative of "teleiotes" and this doesn't mean perfection, but it means maturity. "Epi" with the accusative means direction. We are to move in the direction of maturity. This refers to the super grace life. This means royal living and royal blessings.

Therefore this verse says this--"Bear down and advance until you have arrived at the super grace life."

DOCTRINE OF THE SUPER GRACE LIFE

What is this toward which we should advance? What is this on which we should bear down?

1. Definition

Super grace is a term which represents maturity as the main objective of the Christian life. Since maturity is a grace action and since human volition is involved, this super grace must be distinguished from the grace by which we live every day. This super grace is described in James 4:6 and is called "more grace."

There are four categories of grace

a. Salvation grace

This includes the salvation God planned, the work Jesus did on the cross to make this salvation a reality and everything that the Holy Spirit revealed about salvation. And remember, in salvation grace, your volition is involved.

b. Living grace

No volition of yours is involved here. Whether we like it or not we are kept alive by divine grace. We are kept alive in the Angelic Conflict by divine provision. Food, shelter, clothing, and everything you need for life. It includes the fact that God keeps a battalion of demons off your back at any given time and assigns to you an angel valet to keep you alive and well on planet earth.

c. Super grace

This is the grace that comes from Bible doctrine filling your life with the Mind of Christ. Your volition is involved in attaining super grace.

d. Surpassing grace

No volition is involved here. The Angelic Conflict is over and this is what God will do for every one of his children. EPHESIANS 2:5 "Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)" So super grace is one of the four categories of grace and it is the one category of grace which most believers have chosen to omit. The principle behind super grace is very important. It is the only way we can glorify God here in this life. No one ever reaches super grace on his own. It is the work of God in him.

2. The characteristics of super grace.

It is characterized by the phrase "My cup runneth over" in Psalm 23:5. The cup is super grace capacity. The cup can only exist through the intake of doctrine. You grow an edification complex and it gives you the capacity to take in doctrine. Occupation with Christ gives you the contact and super grace capacity gives you the ability. This is the ability to enjoy God and his blessings right here in the Devil's world. When God can pour and pour into your cup, then he is glorified.

a. Occupation with Christ who is the Living Word.

b. Super grace capacity based on doctrine, which is the written word.

c. We are royal priests and God pours and this is the way we reach super grace.

3. Super grace is distinguished from all other kinds of grace.

JAMES 4:6 "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."

4. We have an analogy here.
 This is analogous to God resting on the Sabbath.
HEBREWS 4:3 "For we which have believed do enter into rest, as he said, As I have sworn in my wrath, if they shall enter into my rest: although the works were finished from the foundation of the world."
HEBREWS 4:10 "For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his."
 God rested on the Sabbath day because he had provided everything and there was nothing left for him to provide. (Later on, after the fall of man in the garden, there was more he could do, and he did it through the cross.)
5. Look at the love problem.
 God loves every believer with maximum love. God found a way to love every believer with maximum love without compromising his character. God found a way to lie down with dogs without coming up with fleas on him. This is the doctrine called propitiation. It is the super grace believer who has the capacity to love God. God loves the super grace believer and expresses it with blessings. God loves and disciplines the reversionist and expresses it with cursings.
6. The key to super grace.
 Super grace life leads to maximum happiness.
 Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16
 This happiness is acquired through the intake of Bible doctrine.
 1 John 1:4
7. The celebrity-ship of Christ.
 The super grace believer has maximum love and appreciation for Jesus Christ. The believer is a priest and has maximum love for the Great High Priest who is Jesus Christ.
8. The capacity for super grace.
 - a. Capacity for freedom.
 Galatians 5:1
 - b. Capacity for life.
 1 Samuel 17:47, 1 Samuel 18:5 and 14 and 30.
 - c. Capacity for love.
 This involves love of self, others, and God.
 - d. Happiness and capacity for happiness.
 Psalm 9:1-2
 - e. Capacity for suffering
 2 Cor. 12:7-10
9. Availability of super grace.
 Isaiah 30:17
10. Promotion of super grace.
 Psalm 54 and 1 Samuel 17