MSG: GRACE AND PEACE BRO

SCRIPTURE: ROMANS 5:12-15 NLT SZN 2: REVIVAL THROUGH REASON

Romans 5:12-15 NLT

"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not counted as sin because there was not yet any law to break. Still, everyone died —from the time of Adam to the time of Moses—even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ."

We live in culture Yea

The salutation "grace and peace" is a common greeting in the New Testament, particularly in the letters of the Apostle Paul. It combines the Greek word "charis" (grace) with the Hebrew word "shalom" (peace), offering a unique Christian greeting that signifies God's favor and well-being.

"Paul the Jew was saying that *here* in Christ is finally shalom. When Paul writes that "Jesus himself is our peace" in <u>Ephesians 2:14</u> (cited from <u>Micah 5:5</u>), he is saying Jesus this Messiah is the Israelite's, and now the Gentile's, hoped-for *shalom*.

But even that's not all on why Paul might have used "peace." Not only did the Jews of the day respond to the buzzword "peace," the Gentiles back then did as well. They were living in a Roman Empire which was all about the *Pax Romana* (Latin for "Roman Peace").

Rome promised that Roman dominance was the greatest, most peace-giving rule. Paul then not only was insinuating that "peace from the Lord Jesus Christ" was true *shalom*, but the true Lord Jesus's peace was a greater and truer "peace" than any Caesar's *Pax Romana*."

You have been anointed and graced to be a father.

You have been graced to be a man of God.

You have been graced to be the provider.

You've been graced to be the leader needed for such a times as this.

You've been graced to live holy.

And the peace that's available is found when you rest in the grace to know the peace that he has for you

1. RECEIVE HIS GRACE AND KNOW HIS PEACE

Romans 5:16 NLT

"And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins."

GRACE IS THE ESSENCE OF THE GOSPEL, PEACE IS THE PRODUCT OF THE GOSPEL

CHAOS IS THE ABSENCE OF GRACE PEACE IS THE PRESENCE OF GRACE

Ephesians 2:14-15 NIV

"For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,"

2. LIVE IN GRACE AND STAY IN PEACE

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NIV

"But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong."

WHEN YOUR SURRENDER INCREASES, YOUR STRENGTH INCREASES

ARE YOU LIVING IN GRACE OR ARE YOU SURVIVING IN LIES?

3. GIVE HIS GRACE AND SHOW HIS PEACE

Romans 5:20 NIV

"The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,"

YOU CAN ONLY GIVE OUT WHAT YOU'RE FILLED IN WITH

THE LESS PERFORMATIVE YOU BECOME THE MORE TRANSFORMATIVE YOU BECOME