



SCRIPTURE

II Peter 1:10-15

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There But for the Grace of God...

4/17/2016

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- I. God's Call is a Call to Diligence - Vs. 10
 - A. God is Sovereign in Our Salvation

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Ephesians 1:3-6 –

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

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- I. God's Call is a Call to Diligence - Vs. 10
 - B. We are Responsible to Make Our Election Sure

“There but for the Grace of God go I”
- *John Bradford*

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There is a kind of surrender in the saying that negates or neglects the simple fact that I am called to battle sin...God does not confer scandal-busting grace each morning that I just sit back and receive, hoping it is enough to defeat the day's sin. Rather, he calls upon me to receive his grace and to be obedient to his Word. He gives the grace to obey. This is not a grace I receive passively, but a grace I act on and act out.

The phrase admits a level of defeat, as if the subject of this scandal was doing everything right and then, in a moment, God removed his grace, and left the man crashing to the ground. But that's never the way these things work. Look closely at any scandal and you will see a long relaxing of standards, a long pattern of declining holiness and increasing sinfulness. The scandalous man had stopped obeying God. In some part of his life he had stopped caring about obeying God.

-Tim Challies

Col. 1:29 –

For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Phil. 2:12-13 –

Therefore, my beloved as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

I Cor. 15:10 –

*But by the grace of God I am what I am,
and his grace toward me was not in vain.
On the contrary, I worked harder than any
of them, though it was not I, but the grace
of God that is with me.*

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II. The Reward of Our Diligence

A. We Will Never Fall- Vs. 10

II Sam. 11:1 –

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

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II. The Reward of Our Diligence

A. We Will Never Fall- Vs. 10

I Cor. 9:27 –

But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

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II. The Reward of Our Diligence

B. We Will Enter Heaven- Vs. 11

II Tim. 4:7-8 –

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing

III. The Ground of Our Diligence

- A. Diligence is Grounded in Truth Received - Vs. 12
- B. Diligence is Grounded in Truth Reawakened - Vs. 12-15

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Heb. 3:12-14 –

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end.”

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