

way, the grace of God has "saved" us. While we do not want to brood on our failure, we are still often caught with it. Yet the grace that saves is the grace that gives peace and we have this with God and with the people of God...through the Lord Jesus who has brought us to the Father and to the family of God as well.

c. A position of strength..as in Eph. 2:18-19. We are built upon a sure and certain foundation. The strength of that foundation is our own sure strength. It is good to test it by the Word and to feel the power of it. There is no shifting nor weakness. The Lord himself is the chief corner..He makes the foundation square and true. All this is by grace so that even though weaknesses may be seen: in the flesh, the strength is that of the Lord.

The beauty is that this position is ours, as I have tried to say several times, in spite of ourselves. Weak, yes...often failures, yes...sinners, yes...but saved by grace with all the gracious help and strength of the Lord available to us as saints and sons of God.

2. Character of the Practice of the Sinner Saved by Grace.

This is largely gleaned in this study from Ephesians 4.

a. To walk worthy of the vocation whereby one is called. (Ephesians 4:1 ff)
The idea is a simple one. We are called in holiness (1 Thessalonians 4) and are to walk (live) as a credit to that calling. No one likes to be discredited by his children. So to grace our lives should be a tribute or credit and not a disgrace. Paul prays that we should walk that way.