Your Measure!

We become new creatures in Christ not by doing anything but by believing in what Christ has provided! Sin has lost its authority over me!" ... <u>buried</u> with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. (Colossians 2:12 NKJV)

Today we share in the authority of Christ. Grace is what we receive. Righteousness is the gift. We reign through His righteousness; we reign through His grace in abundance. This is Kingly Authority! And nothing can stop it! Ephesians 4:7 tells us what this authority gives,

"But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift."

The gift given to you is righteousness; here it is called *charisma*. It came directly from Christ. It comes from Him to you. Christ is not the gift. Christ releases this gift to you, but it always belongs to Him. This is the result of receiving the grace of God. All ministry proceeds out from this grace. And we have been given a "measure," a capacity from our Lord Jesus. Wisdom speaks through Paul when he exhorts us to stay under or, stay in the realm of grace that Christ placed within you. "The measure of the gift of Christ" is expressed in Romans 12:2 in this way: "God has dealt to each one a measure of faith."

How does God's Love and Grace take on expression in you? Do you know the extent of your calling? He wants you to know it! What measure, what sphere of influence, what capacity is within you? What drives you? Can you identify it? Do you know the measure you have been given? He is no respecter of persons. Have you seen how big this "gift" is? Do you realize how vast the measure within is calling to you? Charisma is this gift and Our Lord uses this charisma in you to reveal Himself and the reality of His complete redemption to a lost and dying world. Learn the measure He has given to you. Learn to stay within it and not wander into someone else's gift! Let His call for you personally dominate everything in your life. And watch what happens!

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