

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 1:57-80

**Singing:** 51:1-3 – 198:1-7 -- 176:1-3 – 448:3-4

**THE SONG ABOUT GOD'S GRACE (2)**

**I. The Provision of Grace II. The Work of Grace III. The Fruit of Grace**

**II. THE SONG ABOUT THE WORK OF GOD'S GRACE**

A. The work of grace is celebrated *as being saved from our enemies* (71, 74)

1. Entirely in line w/ God's revelation of salvation: Gen. 3:15 – 1 Jo 3.8

2. Zacharias doxology begins to extol God for *having given king* (69)

a. why this emphasis on His kingly office?

B. To accomplish salvation, God uses two agents: *John and Jesus*

1. John's role is preparatory (Luke 1:16-17)

2. But it is Jesus Who is the actual Deliver (69, 74)

C. What are the enemies of our soul Jesus' Gospel defeats to save sinners?

1. He defeats **Mr. Pleasure in Sin**

2. He breaks supremacy of **Mr. Power of sin**

3. He will finally forever eliminate **Mr. Presence of sin**

4. He has to eliminate **Mr. Penalty for Sin**

5. He has to cast out the bad members of **the Ful-family**

### III. THE FRUIT OF GOD'S GRACE

A. God's saving grace is not to *indulge* but to *free sinners to serve Him*

1. In our fall we became *slaves of the wrong master* but in the salvation we become *slaves of the Right and Good Master*

2. How will I know that I have been 'redeemed?'

B. Fruit of His grace is *transforming sinners into saints*

1. They will serve God without fear (74b)

a. with earthly masters, we are often filled with dread

b. but with Christ as your Lord, there is no need to fear Him

• because of *how* He is

• because of *what* He does

2. They will serve Him in *holiness and righteousness* (75)

a. holiness is to be like God as known in Christ

b. Righteousness is *live right – to do right* according to God's will

### **Concluding observations and applications**

➤ All these fruits of grace are fruits of Messiah's work within sinners

• ***Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness!***

➤ The most powerful influence upon our world is serene, silent beauty of a holy life for that outshines all the world's lights