

**Articles and Sermons :: God's grace by K.P. Yohannan****God's grace by K.P. Yohannan - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/12/4 15:16**

In Philippians 4:11–12 Paul writes, "I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want" (NIV). We must learn to live with this attitude. Simply put, Paul is saying, "If you put me in a five-star hotel, I am very happy. Bring all the best food, the caviar. And if you put me in a no-star hotel, no problem. I am content and happy there, too."

If you are called by the Lord to be a person of sacrifice, if you are given the grace to give things up, I can tell you, it is wonderful. I could not have given up the things I held on to if it were not for the grace and the love of God. As the Lord is my witness, I found such joy and love in giving them up. I never felt sadness and sorrow in surrendering these things. Instead I got such joy—joy that nothing in the world could give me. It was God's grace.

We cannot impose His calling for us on others or assume that others are wrong or less mature because they do things differently. It is the Lord's work in us, not our own doing, that makes us willing and happy to surrender these things.

Re: God's grace by K.P. Yohannan, on: 2010/12/6 8:24

AMEN Greg!

Some will never understand
the freedom known in Christ
when we leave it all behind.

When we release our grasp of everything else:

1st
All those things that once caused us to stumble and blocked seeing His face are out of the way;

2nd
When we no longer hold on to anything else, we are free to walk with Him hand in hand.

With the stumbling blocks left behind us,
seeing His face holding His hand,
His anointing becomes part of everything
walking in His everlasting life in the living:
"JOY UNSPEAKABLE AND FULL OF GLORY!"

Grace and peace to all who
trust and obey Him in this,

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