



5785 2025 The Year of Greater Grace for The Next Level

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James 4:6-10 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

As we go through this year of the Lord 5785 into man's calendar year 2025, we must ask God for proper perception and focus.

Things are unlikely to improve significantly in the world until the antichrist appears. He will present a false glimmer of hope that will lead people to submit to him and his new world order.

Even though things may not get better for those who are in this world, meaning those who live by this world system, things do not have to get worse for us who are in this world but are not of this world.

John 17:15-17 I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. (Jesus prayed that we stay among the world but not be like the world. We are to be a light, a shining example for them to follow)**16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.**

Those of us who are children of God can be kept from satan and his cohorts and the evil of this world if we allow ourselves to continually be sanctified by the truth of the word of God.

To be sanctified, the Greek word hagiázœ: To make holy, to be purified, to set apart as other than. Set apart for Holy use.

Those of us who are born-again believers are part of the Kingdom of God, which is a different government, economic, social, and governmental system that surpasses any other in this world.

Colossians 1:12-13 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

The governmental system of the Kingdom of God is founded on love, fueled by faith, and run by the Word of wisdom of the Almighty God.

Information that Christians Should Consider when Voting for a political Candidate

1. Who will make it easier for the body of Christ to do their assignments, i.e., uphold the biblical standards so that the great commission (the gospel) can be preached!

Mark 16:15: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"



Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you"

2. Who is best positioned in their policies to provide consistent support for Israel, ensuring that blessings flow abundantly over this nation, its regions, its communities, and the families within them?

Genesis 12:3 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

The Greek word for families here is a noun meaning an extended family, a tribe, a clan. It is a group in which there is a close blood relationship. In a technical sense, a meaning tribe. This noun is also used in a less technical sense to indicate an entire people or nation (**Ezekiel 20:32; Micah 2:3**); an ethnic or racial group.

3-9 is taken from Proverbs 6:16-19. It deals more with the character of the individual, but remember, their character will affect their decision-making and policies.

Proverbs 6:16 (AMP) These six things the Lord hates, indeed, seven are an abomination to Him:

3. A proud look [the spirit that makes one overestimate himself and underestimate others],
4. A lying tongue,
5. Hands that shed innocent blood, [Psalms 120:2,3.]
6. A heart that manufactures wicked thoughts and plans,
7. Feet that are swift in running to evil,
8. A false witness who breathes out lies [even under oath],
9. He who sows discord among his brethren.