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I Quotes: 1-7.

- II New Premises - never before taught in the churches of Christ. (not what is meant, but what is SAID!)
1. Sal. is passive, not active. Sal. is done to man.
 2. all men must be saved because man has nothing to do with his sal. VIZ. Levelling, Universalism
 3. Man has no responsibility for the condition of his soul. God has all responsibility.
 4. Man cannot even "accept" grace lest he put God in his debt. accepting grace would be man's part - but man has no part in his sal. Free will agency?
 5. Grace is everything - therefore man should do nothing. no way he can be lost if God does it all for him. He is then saved no matter how he lives.
 6. all man needs to do is HEAR about the Grace which saves him & he is saved.
Question: Is he saved by hearing! (His part?)
Is he saved without hearing. (Universalism)
 7. Man is saved & must go to Heaven whether he wants to or not. He has no choice in the matter. If all are saved by God's grace, who is going to Hell for being lost? Nobody!
Then why Jesus warn of a Hell?
 8. Why is "Grace" dangerous when it blesses & saves everybody? anything sweeter, finer or more beautiful? Why dangerous? Cannot be a threat or harmful!
(Idea: dangerous to study such a profound subject.)

(2)

III WHAT is Grace?

GR. Favorable regard. Friendly disposition toward. Goodwill.
Having "kindness."

IV When + Where did Grace originate.

1. Before or after the Creation? (Crucial point.)

a. Eph. 1: 3-14. - Before. I Pet. 1: 1-2

b. Eph. 3: 7-11. - Before. John 3: 16-17.

God's love for His Sp^r. family prompted Him to be kind (gracious) to His creatures.

God's kindness prompted the est. of a Plan of Sal. for mortal man - should he get in trouble because of SIN.

Question: If man is saved by God's grace alone - then man has no part in the matter - cannot sin - + needs no Savior? WHY did Jesus come to earth as a Savior? Matt. 1: 21.

Conc. Grace only or alone is not the true Biblical picture. Then What Is ???

IV. Eph. 2: 8-9-10 is! How can this be - it has 3 parts - not just Grace standing alone.

1. God's Grace - activated before the world began. Kindness-Love.
2. man's faith - activated after the world began. accepts Grace.
3. Servants - workers. Proves faith.

VI How Was Paul, the apostle, saved by Grace? (only & nothing else? OR Grace & God's Plan of Sal.?)

1. I Cor. 15:1-11.

conc. anything & Everything down here ^(on earth)
is possible only thru God's pre-creation
love and kindness."

So, ^{man is} saved by God's Grace & the Plan of Sal.
His Grace motivated. God's part & man's part.

Inw. Jesus: Matt. 7:21-23. then
Matt. 7:24-29. Grace only? Do
nothing!
Mk. 16:15-16!