

## April Newsletter!

Happy Easter! He is risen! (He is risen indeed, Alleluia!) I want to thank you for sponsoring me and praying for me! I just got back to campus yesterday (March 31) from Easter break. We had a week break from classes so me and 4 other seminarians went to Quincy, Illinois and stayed there a few days with my friend's family. We had bonfires, went to a few good restaurants, and hiked a few trails! It was great to get off campus for a bit and give my brain a break.

I am enrolled in four classes right now. I am still taking my Preaching class and Creeds and Confessions. I will begin Synoptic Gospels and Ministry in the early Church this week. At the beginning of Easter break, I completed 2 classes and learned a lot in them (Pastor and Church in Mission and Pauline Epistles).

I am still honored to be here, studying to be a pastor. I truly am amazed by God's grace and how far He went to save me. He gave His only Son so we could be with Him, forever, where moth and rust don't destroy, where thieves don't break in and steal. In heaven, we will have no need for the sun, because His glory will be the light (Rev 21:23). We will see Him face to face. Not everyone in my family is a Christian, as I'm sure you can relate. I encourage you to continue praying for them.

~~Jesus died on the cross and rose from the grave for them too!~~

~~Epistle 2:13-32 "As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh<sup>1a</sup> and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in~~

mercy,<sup>5</sup> made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup>not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

## *He Giveth More Grace*

*But He giveth more grace. James 4:6*

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,  
When we reach the end of our hoarded resources,  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,  
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;  
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing—  
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For, out of His infinite riches in Jesus,  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

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