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shouts of grace

"and He shall bring forth the capstone with shouts of  
"grace, grace to it!" zech 4:7

i have always believed that we - God's chosen ones -  
are that capstone. a capstone is the upper most  
portion of a structure, being placed there as a  
crowning achievement. "you also, as living stones, are  
being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to  
offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through  
Jesus Christ." 1 pet 2:5

that capstone is brought forth with shouts of grace.  
our Lord Jesus didn't need grace. He was God. He is,  
in fact, the cornerstone on which the whole foundation  
is built; that first stone that was laid which allowed  
the rest to be built.

far be it that we seek to usurp any glory from God. it  
is not we ourselves seeking the glory, it is God  
bestowing it upon us. "and the glory which You gave Me  
I have given them, that they may be one just as We are  
one." john 17:22

God is not jealous of us, but for us. we are, in  
essence, His bragging rights to wave in the face of the  
devil. it is not anything we did or ever could do.  
"You have also done all our works in us." isa 26:12

from the beginning He loved us when He decided to  
create us in His image; made from the lowest of dirt

and elevated to the pinnacle of perfection. i have heard it said the capstone is arguably the most mysterious part of the entire structure. the great pyramid of giza is one of the most geometrically perfect structures ever built on planet earth. what a mysterious and perfect structure God is completing?

God's grace has permitted the many called who respond to be used in it's structure, but all will not be in the capstone. no, i believe that will be the bride. "and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately." luke 12:36 will these be the tribulation saints? just as there will be degrees of punishment in hell, there will be degrees of rewards in heaven.

i guess, the question being, how satisfied are you with what receive? how hard are you running? "and everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. therefore i run thus: not with uncertainty. thus i fight: not as one who beats the air." 1 cor 9:25-26

oft times i look at this lowly self and wonder, "how will one ever merit the very presence of God." but when God looks at us, He sees Jesus. we know how He described Him. "this is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." matt 3:17

"beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see

Him as He is." 1 john 3:2 kjv

no, we don't yet look fully like Him, but let our acts of righteousness imitate Him until the imitation transforms into the real thing. even as john the baptist knew and proclaimed, "He must increase, but I must decrease." john 3:30

people, we have too lofty of a destiny to lay aside the hope set before us. "therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us." heb 12:1 Father, help us even in submitting our all to You.

"and He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."  
therefore most gladly i will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.  
" 2 cor 12:9

what could be more appropriate to end this daily with other than a stanza from "amazing grace" by john newton?

through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
i have already come;  
'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

yes, home - that's where we're all heading and grace alone with get us there, and grace is enough!

just an interesting side note article here - God is not to be messed with.

Guess What Happened Immediately After A Member Of The Turkish Parliament Declared That Israel Will Suffer The “Wrath Of Allah”?

Very strange things continue to happen in the Middle East. Earlier today, a member of the Turkish Parliament named Hasan Bitmez delivered a passionate speech about the war in Gaza. As he concluded his speech, he boldly declared that Israel would experience the “wrath of Allah”. Moments after ending the speech, he literally collapsed on the stage and other members of the Turkish Parliament rushed to his aid..