



(KJV) II Timothy 2:15

The GRACE Flyer

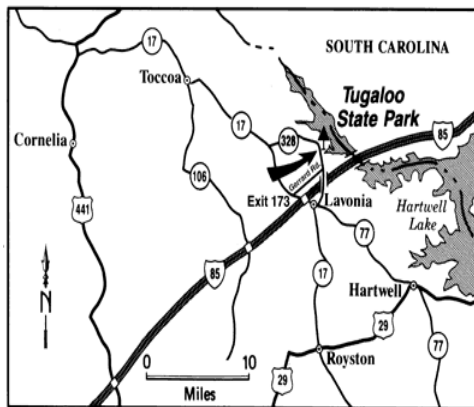
October, 2004

Special Day Saturday October 23rd:

Our annual church family picnic will be held at **Tugaloo State Park** on the Georgia, South Carolina border, starting at 11:00am. The state park is located on Lake Hartwell. The Grace Bible Church of Anderson is organizing the event. There will be plenty of Activities for all: Music will be provided by **The Cleveland family**. The Anderson church is providing the following: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Bread & the Condiments. Please provide the drinks for your family and a covered dish (optional) if you desire. Since some will be there most of the day you might want to bring some snacks. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

See link for directions and Park information:

<http://gastateparks.org/info/tugaloo/>



Note: The alternative location for bad weather is at **Hart EMC** (Hart Electric Membership Corporation), Hartwell, GA. The directions are as follows: From I-85, get off at Exit 177 turn south on Hwy 77 to Hartwell, follow it to its end. At stop sign turn left onto Hwy 51 into Hartwell, Go to fifth traffic light and turn right onto Hwy 77 (Benson St.), go to shopping center on right with Quality Foods. EMC Building will be to the left, just past the 2nd driveway.

Ministry Update:

We are thankful for the positive response we are getting from the folks in our Auburn, AL bible study. And we are thankful to see the spiritual growth there.

The Assisted Living ministry at Eastside Gardens continues to bear fruit through the teaching of *God's Word*. We see many come to the understanding of the hope that each believer possesses through faith in the finished work of Christ.

People are beginning to show interest in our Wednesday bible study and we are thankful to those who attend. We are also thankful to you who have given your time, talents, and finances, enabling our assembly to continue the work.

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It's About Time:

The desire and goal of any local assembly should be to see the community reached with the Gospel of Grace, saints edified, and the ministry duplicated based on **II Tim. 2:2**. We have been fortunate enough to have saints in the Atlanta area who *understand* the importance of the *local assembly* **I Tim. 3:15, 16**, which help keep the assembly on track with invaluable feedback. We know that the substance of what is being taught must follow the process, which our Apostle "Paul" laid out from Romans - Philemon. However as Paul received progressive revelation from the Lord Jesus Christ we must also understand everything can't be taught or learned in a day. Our desire is to see the saints come together for the study of *God's Word*, and have a time of fellowship with one another. Therefore we have made a positive change to *adhere* to the posted times of our Sunday schedule. By adhering to a schedule of *starting on time* and *ending on time*, we hope this positive change will help with the growth and the interest in our assembly. The responsibility to reach the Atlanta area, with the *gospel of the grace of God*, and the word *rightly divided* depends on all our faithfulness as a local assembly to accomplish the work of the ministry.

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Sunday Schedule:

Fellowship	9:30 - 10:00
Bible Studies	10:00 - 10:45
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	11:00 - 12:00
Children's Study	11:00 - 12:00

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May all that we do or accomplish be for the Glory and Honour of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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1 *"Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand"*

*WATCHMAN ON THE WALL***Believe On the Lord Jesus Christ**

What a joy it is to approach Gods Holy Word by faith- To be able to rest (not wrest) in appreciation of every word contained in a book that we hold in our hand; our sword of the Spirit; the only offensive piece of armor that we are equipped with. Thanks be to those faithful brothers and sisters in Christ, who have sustained a belief in an inerrant bible in our own English language.

I have found a fundamental truth, that when I have a certain perception about a word or doctrine in scripture, and my understanding of that issue comes into question, either in my own study or through others, I can always find the answer in God's *word rightly divided and believed*. Sometimes the answer does not come immediately, and may require more study, patience, and understanding, but I know, God's word can *always* be depended upon to deliver the answer. Because, '**...God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**'. So, the problem in the understanding is with me and my intellect, and **not** with my bible. When one takes the other approach to so-called spiritual understanding by doubting and questioning the authority of the bible, then turning to scholarship, human viewpoint and different translations for the answer, God's formula for study is lost, thus lessening one's ability to spiritually find the correct answer to the scriptural problem. Note: Its always right to ask your bible questions, but never right to question the bibles ability to give you the answer. After all, it is the only link that has been given to the believer today to find God's wisdom and

will for ministry. And that's the KJV bible I'm referring to!

We, as an assembly, in the last few months, have been enlightened unto some fascinating insight into Gods Word. It is amazing how much doctrine is crammed into prepositions, e.g. into, onto, unto, in, by, through, etc. Did you know that we have not been made 'Near' to God by the blood of Christ? The word near demonstrates a closing of the distance, a change of proximity between God and man; but it cannot change our 'Status'. But, if we say, "Ye are made 'Nigh' by the blood of Christ" ([Eph 2:13](#)), this now denotes not our location being changed in distance, but our Status [Relationship] has changed. Notice what qualifies those that have been made 'Nigh' in verse [13](#), 'those that are **In Christ!**' for they are **In Him!**

Another interesting preposition to consider is in a verse that had puzzled me for quite some time. Paul tells the Philippian jailor to "**Believe ON** the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved". Why did Paul not say to **Believe IN** the Lord Jesus Christ? Well, that is what many Bible versions have done - it does sound smooth to the modern ear, does it not? However, let us look at the context of the phrase: To **Believe On** the Lord Jesus Christ. As you study this issue for yourself, notice this phraseology is normally used when talking about righteousness being imputed to someone; e.g. [Rom 4:24](#); [Rom 9:33](#); [1 Tim 1:16](#); [1 Jn 5:13](#). Someone who has exercised their Trust in God, in whatever His message to man happens to be at the time. - Now, let us look at the phrase: 'To **Believe In** the

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Lord Jesus Christ'. This is used mostly of someone knowing who Christ was, his credibility to be trusted, leaving him without excuse; as with Israel in [Romans chapter 10](#). The argument is- 'did not Israel know? Had they not heard?' Yes! Is the reply given by Paul. They did hear, they did know. That is why he says, "The word is **nigh** (again, not **near** thee, but **nigh** = **within you**) thee; **in their mouth and in their heart.**" They know what it is they need to do, confess the Lord Jesus Christ, admit who he is, and trust him. Notice the whole thought of calling upon the name of the Lord. "*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they **believe in** him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?*" This person in context, is spoken of as though he has never heard of Jesus Christ, he doesn't know WHO he is, and his ability to save him. Therefore he cannot **believe IN** him, if he has not heard of him. This belief is used as we would say, "Do you believe **IN** gravity?" Of course, it can be proven, and you can be convinced by facts of its power and existence. Gravity has always existed, even before man knew how to explain it. How about the Easter bunny; Do you believe **IN him**? No, for he does not exist. He cannot be proven to be real. Now, Paul says that all of Israel had heard, and knew who *Christ* was; but now Paul begs of them to Trust him, To **Believe ON Christ**. A comparison in regards to Jesus' being the Christ is [John 20:31](#): "*But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.*" Israel possessed all the information they needed to know to be saved; however, they choose to deny the one that was willing, and able to save them. [John 3:16](#), a much quoted verse

even demonstrates clearly, that to **believe in** the Lord Jesus Christ, is not the point at which eternal life is imputed. Notice the verse carefully – "*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth **in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.***" This Jew, to whom this is written to and about, possesses everything he needs to know about the Lord Jesus Christ, and he therefore **SHOULD** not perish. But, from a comparison of scriptures, the man may still perish, for he has not yet **believed ON** the Lord Jesus Christ, because of the pride of his heart. Notice verse 18: "*He that **believeth on him** is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not **believed in** the name of the only begotten Son of God.*" Does this not sound like [Mark 16:16](#) "*He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.*"? If he did not believe **IN him**, he was already damned, for they had turned their ears from the truth, taking the answer out of the equation. But, if he had **believed ON** him, he was not condemned, for he had exercised Trust in Gods message.

In reading [John chapter 9](#), notice the attitude of the leaders concerning the blind man being healed by Christ. They denied Christ being whom he demonstrated himself to be. He was doing the works of his Father; and they heard (as [Romans 10](#) states), but did not have ears to hear; their motive was wrong. [John 9:16](#): "*Therefore said some of the Pharisees, This man is **not of God**, because he keepeth not the sabbath day. Others said, How can a man that is **a sinner** do such miracles? And there was a division among them.*" This was taking place in the synagogue, and notice the fear the leaders were instilling upon the people who believed this man's

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message: vs. 22 - *“These words spake his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man did **confess that he was Christ**, he should be put out of the synagogue.”* Now, Christ approaches the man, whom he had just healed; and notice, the man does not even know WHO Christ is; he knew his name to be Jesus, but what of his credentials? vs. 35 - *“Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and when he had found him, he said unto him, Dost thou **believe on the Son of God?**”* Notice what the man’s answer was: *“Who is he, Lord, that I might **believe on him?** And Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and **it is he that talketh with thee.** And he said, Lord, **I believe.** And he worshipped him.* Jesus the preacher is demonstrating some truth to this man; who hears [how shall they hear without a preacher]; the man believes he is WHO he has been demonstrated to be [**believes in him**]; then, what is his response? He is **believing on** the Lord, calling **on** him, and confessing him. **Believing on** Him is the principal of *Trust*.

How many people do you know that say they believe **IN** the Lord Jesus Christ, yet have no scriptural idea of eternal life through him. Does not practically every single denomination of Christianity claim to believe that Jesus Christ was God in human flesh; he bore our sins upon a cross; he was buried; and rose again on the third day; then ascended up to heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father? Most everyone believes in these facts. But, listen carefully, what is the single element missing in this equation? TRUST! What is the person trusting in? Their own righteousness is usually the answer they give. Hoping that God will accept their service for him as entrance into Heaven. If you don’t know for sure that you possess eternal life as a present

possession, perhaps you may need to reconsider **WHOM** you are trusting. Do not let your flesh fool you into thinking you can save yourself by simply **believing In** Jesus Christ. [Romans 3:23](#) - *“For **all** have sinned, and come **short of the glory of God.**”* This verse explains the unbelievers problem. [Romans 4:23, 24](#) *“Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we **believe on him** that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;”* **Believing ON** the Lord Jesus Christ, means that you are **Trusting In** Jesus Christ and His finished work on the cross as a complete and total payment for your sin. Dear friend please be sure that you have not only **Believed In** the Lord Jesus Christ but have **Believed On** Him for the salvation of your soul. [Romans 4:5](#); *“But to him that worketh not, but **believeth on him** that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.”*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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