"Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, '<u>Why Have I Found Grace In Thine Eyes</u>, that thou shouldest take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?" Ruth 2:10 KJV

"Boaz answered and said unto her, 'It hath fully been showed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband." Boaz knew about Ruth before she knew him. He was PLEASED to make her acquaintance. If you believe even the teensiest bit you somehow merit God's Grace, you are guilty of the sin of pride, because God's Word Says, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Mercy He Saved us. Of His OWN WILL Begat He us with the Word of Truth, according to His Good Pleasure which He Hath Purposed in Himself: According to the Eternal Purpose which He Purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: In Whom also we have obtained an Inheritance, that we should be to the Praise of His Glory. For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God." We instinctively evaluate our own worth by those around us. "We dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves,



and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise." The believer's standard of measure is the Truth of God's Word and nothing else. Even among ourselves, "in lowliness of mind, let each esteem other better than themselves." You may think, "My sin isn't as bad as their sin." But you would be forgetting, "Whosoever shall keep the whole Law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all." So whether you break one or ten, you are totally guilty. God's Love for men is not founded upon any merit of man. "We are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags." His Love and Grace to man is founded in His Infinite and Everlasting Grace and Mercy. Our salvation glorifies His Mercy, Grace, and Love. They are continually bestowed, because they are Everlasting, and so must we be also. "God, Who is Rich in Mercy, For His Great Love wherewith He Loved us, EVEN when we were dead in sins, hath Ouickened us together with Christ: THAT IN THE AGES TO COME He might Show the Exceeding Riches of His Grace in His Kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." Even your Salvation was Pre-Purposed for God's Glory. "We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the Called according to HIS PURPOSE. For whom He did FOREKNOW, He also did Predestinate to be Conformed to the Image of His Son, that He might Be the Firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom He did Predestinate, them He also Called: and whom He Called, them He also Justified: and whom He Justified, them He also Glorified." The instant you heard the Word of God you knew His Voice and His Love for you! God Knew in Eternity Past, dear Believer, you would choose to love Him in return and in the instant of that Foreknowledge God Planned and Predestined your Eternity by His Side!

> Oh why did Grace afford for me, Salvation's Plan so full and free? To manifest God's Majesty, His Grace and Love Eternally! –CGP

You are saved because it Pleased God to Do so. It is His Pleasure that is at stake not ours for He Has "*Created all things, and for THY PLEASURE they are and were Created.*" Because He is Pleased to Love those who love Him in return, there is nothing that He will not Give them. Thankfulness to God defines every true believer.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? He that Spared Not His Own Son, but Delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also Freely Give us ALL things?" Romans 8:31-32 KJV