

# The Sovereign Grace Hour

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## A REASON FOR MEEKNESS

Ladies and Gentlemen of the radio audience:—

There is one lesson among many which it is difficult to learn for the Christian and that lesson is: to be gentle and meek toward all men.

That lesson is difficult to learn first of all, because we are so abominably proud by nature and character. And, secondly, it is a difficult lesson because it seems as though the Christian **has** something to boast of in the midst of the world that lieth in darkness. It is a matter of fact that the walk of the Christian lies far above and beyond the walk of the world in the midst of the which he walks. And the idea lies close at hand to think as though he would have the right to look down on the poor mortals that do not walk as he does. The idea seems to invite him to say: depart from me for I am holier than thou! To actually do so, however, is folly and wicked. We should never exalt ourselves over-against the unbelievers that walk as though there is no God in heaven or a judgment to come.

No, we should be of all men the most gentle and the meekest.

And why, do you ask?

I would invite you to listen to the Apostle Paul who spoke by the operation of the Holy Ghost and, therefore, speaks the very truth of God.

Said he: "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, to speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing meekness unto all men!"

(Titus 3: 1 and 2) If you are a Christian, you should be very gentle and you should show meekness unto all men.

And the same Apostle in the same place will also give you two reasons why you should be gentle and meek and never boast of your Christian walk. First, and I quote him again: "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another!" (verse 3) That being the case, why then should we exalt ourselves? We are of the same common stock of Adam and Eve and nothing human and sinful is alien to us. We are children of wrath by nature, just as the others that are still in their sins. No, we have no right to be proud of our Christian walk. If you would boast, you should boast in God alone.

But there is another reason, and of that second reason I would speak to you to-day. I quote: "But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward men appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which He shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour!" (verses 4 to 6)

Ah, there you have the weightiest reason of all.

Let us be sure and see the complete picture. You and I and all men are in darkness of sin, unable to save ourselves, even unwilling to be saved.