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## Romans 16:24, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen"

It is a beautiful fall day where we live. The skies are blue, there's a cool breeze blowing, birds are singing, squirrels are cutting acorns loose to fall on our heads, and all is right with the world. Well, not exactly! All of the above writing is true except the last part concerning the world. Good people are sick, some are hungry with no place to lay their head, and there are arguments somewhere between those that just can't get along. The Apostle Paul had a very simple and yet profound statement to make near the end of his writings to the church at Rome. This quote should be our desire this morning for all of God's children, no matter where they are and what is going on in their lives, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen" (Romans 16:24). The grace of God is all we need to get us through whatever this life brings. Paul related the words of the Lord in II Corinthians 12:9, "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

This morning, I needed a breath of fresh air after not being able to get out much since some minor surgery on Tuesday. The brisk fall air of what God has created did that for me. We need the grace of God and be able to recognize it on a regular basis. Paul also said, "But by the grace of God I am what I am..." (I Corinthians 15:10). What was Paul? He was just as we are, a sinner saved by the fresh air of the grace of God. May the grace and power of Christ rest upon you this day. *Think about it!*