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## Magnify the Lord with Your Walk

Lesson 2 • Luke 1:26-38

### Overview of the Passage

- The **ANNUNCIATION** ("announcement") by the Angel Gabriel to Mary. (vv. 26-38)
- The **VISITATION** by Mary to Her Relative Elizabeth. (vv. 39-45)
- The **MAGNIFICATION** (Latin: "magnificat") of the LORD by Mary in song. (vv. 46-56)

**Mary's LifeSong Was to MAGNIFY the LORD not Herself!**

**Two Extremes in Church History: Make Too MUCH or Too LITTLE of Mary.**

**Extreme #1** The Roman Catholic Church, High Anglicans, and Orthodox Church make too much of Mary:

- **Immaculate Conception** (1854) – Mary was without a sin nature or original sin at the instant of being conceived.
- **Perpetual Virginity** (553, 649) – Mary remained a virgin until her death. Matthew 1:25; 13:54-58; Mark 6:3.
- **Bodily Assumption** (1950) – Mary died but was immediately raised bodily into heaven.
- **Co-Mediatrix and Co-Redemptrix** (1894, 1896) – Mary mediates, intercedes, and redeems with Jesus Himself.

*Mary was a faithful disciple but not a sinless one or worthy to be worshipped with Christ*

### Where Did These False Ultimately Doctrines Flow From?

**Latin Vulgate Translation** of Luke 1:28 reflected in the Douay-Rheims Catholic Bible

*"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women."*

#### Reformation Geneva Bible

*"And the Angel went in vnto her, and said, **Haile thou that art FREELY BELOUED:** the Lorde is with thee: blessed art thou among women."*

#### New American Standard Bible

*"And coming in, he said to her, **"Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you."***

#### Hail Mary • Ave Maria

Hail Mary, Full of Grace,  
The Lord is with thee.  
Blessed art thou among women,  
and blessed is the fruit  
of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners now,  
and at the hour of death.  
Amen.

**Extreme #2** Protestants and Baptists make too little of Mary.

### Two Reasons to Not Make Too Little of Mary

- By God's grace she was *chosen* to do what **NO OTHER** women will do! (1:28, 30; Genesis 3:15)
- By God's grace she was *blessed* to **BELIEVE** God for the impossible! (1:34-38, 42-43)

*Mary's Faith Response (vv. 38-40)*

*Elizabeth's Faith Response to Mary's Faith (vv. 41-45)*

**The 3-Fold Blessed:** *The "Blessing of God" is another form of being given grace to fulfill His purposes!*

*We don't venerate Mary as equal to the Lord; we **IMITATE** her faith in magnifying the Lord.*

## Magnify the Lord with Your WALK by the *Father's Amazing Grace!*

### 1. By GRACE ALONE Magnify the Lord Like Mary.

- God chose Mary to be the mother of the Incarnate Son of God by *grace alone!* (1:28)
- Only other use of "favored" (not "full") is found in *Ephesians 1:6*.

*"to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He **FREELY BESTOWED** on us in the Beloved."*

#### **What Is Grace?**

- A simple way to define "**grace**" is "**DIVINE INITIATIVE!**"

#### **God Initiates the Gift of Grace Not Mary!**

- God did a work **FOR** her - *The angel Gabriel announces it.* (vv. 28-30)
- God did a work **IN** her - *Her relative Elizabeth and the unborn John affirm it.* (vv. 41-45)
- God did a work **THROUGH** her - *Her life song magnifies the Lord by acknowledging it.* (vv. 46, 48-49)

### 2. Through FAITH ALONE Magnify the Lord Like Mary. (1:37-39, 45, 48)

- Mary's **personal witness** to her faith in **WORD** and **DEED**. (vv. 37-39)
- Elizabeth's **prophetic blessing** of Mary's faith. (vv. 41-45)
- John's **prophetic witness** in the womb to Mary's faith and Jesus' presence in her womb. (vv. 41-44)
- Mary's **prophetic praise** that magnifies the Lord for blessing her. (vv. 48-49; same word as Elizabeth!)

#### **How Do We Magnify the Lord Like Mary?**

*By grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone according to Scripture alone for God's glory alone!  
Ephesians 2:1-10*

- **Be saved** by grace alone through faith alone *on the basis of the work of Christ for you, in you, through you!*  
*The Father's grace will do a work **for** you, **in** you, and **through** you according to His Word and Spirit.*
- **Then walk** by grace alone through faith alone *doing the good works God has already prepared beforehand.*  
***Believe** it, **confess** it, then **act** on it to the magnify the Lord in all you say and do!*

## Magnify the Lord with Your *Walk* by the *Father's Amazing Grace!*