

# Grace

- We will be teaching today from the bible.
- I'm using the Amplified version. Of course - you can use the version that you prefer.
- The bible is the only real truth.
- It is the inspired word of God.
- Gods truth comes to us by **revelation** from the **Holy Spirit** as we meditate on His word.

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- Our subject today is **Grace**.
- Let's start with two simplified definitions which describe Gods heart towards us.
  - (i) Firstly - God is merciful.
    - What is Mercy?
    - Mercy is **not giving** us the punishment **we deserve!**
  - (ii) Then - God is **Gracious**.
- What is Grace?

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- We are in receipt of **Grace** when God gives us **blessings** that we **did not deserve**, could not earn and are not required to pay back!
- We come under **Grace** at the time of salvation when we accept the **substitute sacrifice** of Jesus.
- This has been called **unmerited favour**.



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- In summary:
- We deserved punishment for sin and for our rejection of Jesus, who gave Himself in full payment for our transgressions.
- We receive God's **mercy** when He **declines** to **give** us the punishment we deserve!
- We are in receipt of **Grace** when God gives us **blessings** that we **did not deserve**, could not earn and are not required to pay back!
- His grace is ongoing – for ever!

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- Let us look for a moment at our pre salvation condition and understand why we needed a saviour.
- The bible teaches us that we have all sinned.
- Romans 3:22>23
- *There is no distinction.....since all **have** sinned and continually fall short of the glory of God.*
- We all missed the mark.
- We try to be good, but we fail.

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- To be clear!
- If we are trying to keep the **Mosaic Law** or obey the **Ten Commandments** or to live perfect lives to make ourselves acceptable to God - we would have to do it all the time, without failing in one detail - in order to qualify as righteous.
- That is impossible – so we all failed!

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- The purpose of the Ten Commandments was to make man aware of his sin and to show that it is impossible for man to be righteous on his own without God.
- *Romans 3:20*
- *For no person will be justified (made **righteous**, acquitted, and judged acceptable) in His sight by observing the works prescribed by the Law.*
- *For [the real function of] the Law is to make men recognize and be conscious of sin [not mere perception, but an acquaintance with sin which works toward repentance, faith, and holy character].*

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- The purpose of the Ten Commandments was not to be used as a measure by which we assess whether we are acceptable to God.
- It states there in Romans that no man will be judged acceptable by observing the Law.
- The real purpose of the Law was to help us to understand what is sin in order that we can repent of it and live by faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus, and thereby develop Godly character.

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- Let us look what the Apostle John says . I believe that John is talking here to a mix of non-believers and Christians. He is talking to those who do NOT have the truth – because they do not understand the significance of the substitute sacrifice of Jesus and they do not understand **Grace**.
- 1 John 1:9
- *If we freely admit that we have sinned and confess our sins, He is faithful and just (true to His own nature and promises) and will forgive our sins [dismiss our lawlessness] and [**continuously**] cleanse us from all unrighteousness [**everything not in conformity to His will in purpose, thought, and action**].*
- But we, the believers, did confess our sins, we asked Jesus to forgive us and asked Him to come into our hearts and take His rightful place.

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- There was no price that **we** could pay that would clean up our mess, to make us acceptable to God.
- God is Holy – we were not.
- It was impossible to come into His presence, as we were. We were in a world without God.
- But under a new Covenant God the Father provided a way.
  
- *Jesus said in John 14:6*
- *I am the [only] Way [to God] and the real Truth and the real Life; no one comes to the Father but **through** Me.*
  
- *And in John 3:16 it says*
- *For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the world, that He even gave His [One and] only begotten Son, so that whoever believes **and trusts in Him as Saviour** shall not perish, but have eternal life.*

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- Now – For those of us who have made our response to those truths.
- For those of us who have accepted that Jesus paid a price that we cannot pay.
  - - For those of us who have asked Jesus (our creator!) to come into our hearts.
  - - For those of us who can say **Jesus is Lord**.
- **Then**, we are no longer under the law of Moses – the Mosaic law. John 1:17, Acts 13:39, Gal 2:16
- **We are now under Grace, in a New Covenant.**



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- So now, let us look at the situation **after** we are saved
- Our sin debt has been cancelled.
- When we are IN CHRIST, we have forgiveness of ALL sins, PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE. A clean slate.
- We were crucified with Christ.
- We were resurrected with Him.
- We are a new creation.
- We are Born Again, Spiritually alive.

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- Our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He lives in us, **permanently**.  
1 Corinthians 6:19
- It is no longer I who live but Christ lives in me.  
Galatians 2:20
- As He is, so are we in this world.  
1 John 4:17.
- We have the mind of Christ.  
1 Corinthians 2:16
- We are a new man (or woman).  
Colossians 2:13
- Our old man is dead and gone.  
Colossians 2:11

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- We have a new nature. Our old **sin nature** has gone – it is **dead and buried**.
- [Galatians 5:24](#)
- *And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human **nature**) with its passions and appetites and desires.*
- Unfortunately, this is where many people begin to struggle, because they have been wrongly taught!
- Sadly today a broad spectrum of what passes for the Christian Church does not understand Grace – they are taught **religion**.

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- **Religion** is performance or works based.
- Adherents are trying to make themselves acceptable to God by their **own** efforts instead of surrendering to the truth, which is, that **Jesus paid our debt**.
- Only by trusting in the substitute sacrifice of Jesus can we come under Grace.

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- The truth is that Jesus paid a price we cannot pay – our debt is fully paid by God Himself.
- Now we are under GRACE.
- Our heavenly Father sees us **in Jesus**.
- That is **GRACE!**.

# Grace

- The God of Grace is characterised by the following.
- God loves us (He always did!)
- God is delighted that we have accepted Jesus as Lord and that we are now in relationship with Him.
- God is committed to blessing us.
- God wants us to enjoy dominion over all circumstances.

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- God has given us His authority to represent Him, to heal the sick, to cast out demons and to reveal the gospel unto salvation.
- God desires us to freely enjoy health, wealth, peace, happiness and joy.
- He has covenanted with us so that we can rule the earth, bringing glory to Jesus.

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- God is not angry with us.
- God is not disappointed or shocked by our mistakes or failures – He doesn't even see them because He sees us in Christ Jesus – **that's Grace!**
- God is not counting our sins and transgressions against us.
- God's love for us is not proportional to our performance.
- God is love and He loves us because we are in Jesus.



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- Here are some of the **errors** that are taught today.
- God is angry because you don't measure up.
- God is a harsh, cruel God just waiting to catch you out.
- God hates your sin - so He is punishing you.
- God is ready to judge you.
- The reason your prayers are not being answered is because you are not holy enough - you aren't worthy.
- God will love you more if you perform better.

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- None of that is true! - But here is **the Truth**
- *Ephesians 2: 8 – 9*
- *For it is by **free grace** (God's unmerited favour) that you are saved (**delivered from judgment** and made partakers of Christ's salvation) **through [your] faith.***
- *And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God;*
- *Not because of works [not the fulfilment of the Law's demands], lest any man should boast. [It is not the result of what anyone can possibly do, so no one can pride himself in it or take glory to himself.]*

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- And look what it says in the next verse!
- *10 For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works **which God predestined** (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths **which He prepared ahead of time**], that we should walk in them [living the good life **which He prearranged and made ready for us to live**].*
- God does not bless us because of our good works or activity or because of religious fervour.
- We are predestined to do the works **that He has prepared** for us to do.
- We must not attempt to do works with the intention of getting His approval in order to gain His favour.
- That would be like saying the atoning sacrifice of Jesus was not enough and we too have to atone in order that God will notice us!

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- He blesses us because we have accepted the substitute sacrifice of Jesus on the cross and we have surrendered to the fact that He paid a price we cannot pay.
- He blesses us because He loves us and delights in us!
- He blesses us because we have accepted **Jesus** as saviour. We cannot save ourselves.
- He blesses us because we are under grace.

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## Galatians 2:16

*<sup>16</sup> Yet we know that a man is justified or reckoned righteous and in right standing with God not by works of the Law, but [only] through faith and [absolute] reliance on and adherence to and trust in Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

*[Therefore] even we [ourselves] have believed on Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the Law [for we cannot be justified by any observance of the ritual of the Law given by Moses], because by keeping legal rituals and by works no human being can ever be justified (declared righteous and put in right standing with God).*

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- If we try to follow the Law, if we live under Law, we deny and reject Grace.
- We have fallen from Grace if we try to **earn** righteousness and we are thereby **denying** Christ and His substitute sacrifice.
- So it is very important to fully understand **Grace**.

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- **In John 10:10 Jesus says:**
- *The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy.*
- *I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows].*
- So where are we now?
- We are in receipt of Gods unconditional love.
- The highest price has been paid for our freedom.
- The Son of God has destroyed the works of the devil.
- *1 John 3:8*
- *.... The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].*

# Grace

- Our response is to love Him.
- We no longer live in fear of Gods punishment or exclusion.
- Once we know the Lord, we no longer serve Him out of fear – but out of love.
- We seek to honour Him with our lives.



# Grace

- The big difference is that now we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and He enables us to make a response which overcomes that which previously enslaved us.
- We no longer seek a relationship with our Heavenly Father through WORKS- or by trying to be good enough- or trying to get everything right, or to be perfect –in order that He will accept us.
- Why? - because Jesus has already qualified us and now we are under grace.
- We have given up striving to **be acceptable** and have accepted that Jesus totally qualified us by His substitute sacrifice.
- He suffered our punishment so that we could go free.
- **Now we are free to choose to live righteously.**

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- When we are under GRACE
- We are FREE (loosed from our chains)
- We are EMPOWERED by the Holy Spirit to **make right choices** and live a life which honours the Lord Jesus and brings Him Glory.
- We are in receipt of Gods promises, blessings and favour.
- Our Heavenly Father is delighted with us.
- We are loved.
- **That is GRACE!**

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