

The Whole Church #24 – Grace #8

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Monday:

The last two weeks we taught the most revolutionary teaching you'll ever get on giving, and how it frees you up. When you start to give, it activates, or unlocks, the supernatural.

I would highly encourage you to go back to the last two Sundays on our Facebook page and listen to those two messages on giving. I promise you, it's going to be a breath of fresh air. I would say that 99% of you have never heard it from a grace standpoint. So, check it out.

If you set out to pursue the kingdom, you're going to happen on to the Father. If you set out to pursue the Father, it won't be long until you begin to see the kingdom.

You know the concept that He's our Heavenly Father, but if you never take that and begin to interact and have a relationship with Him where the two of you interact, you miss the whole point. That's where the magic happens, in the relationship.

We need to be the kind of people who, when others, who say they don't believe that God heals or does miracles anymore, they will come to us when they are in a jam, when they are in trouble.

Tuesday:

A bond servant is a slave who has been set free by his landowner, but decides to come back because of his own free will, and work and stay and be committed to that owner. Grace has given you liberty and freedom. But if you're wise, you'll also be a bond servant and you'll turn around and come back to Him.

Even in the midst of the hardest things you're going through, God's going to enable you to walk through that and get free in that by faith. If you'll begin to express some gratitude to God in the middle of that, all kinds of amazing spiritual things will start happening to you.

In James 1: 2-5, it talks about **counting it all joy when you fall into various trials**. There's some redeeming value in these hard thing that you go through in life, more specifically, the hard things that you're going through in your life right now.

Ask for wisdom in the trial or the problems that you're going through right now. If you ask for wisdom, God gives to all liberally. God will show you what you need to overcome in this very thing that you're dealing with.

When you are born again, that seed is germinated and it begins to bring forth fruit in your life. So, work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Work out what's happened down deep inside you, in your spirit.

God can, and will, use you in places where you think you can't do it. That's God. You can't do it on your own. You always have to be ready for the help of the Holy Spirit. Grace empowers you to do that.

Wednesday:

I want you to know that there's a lot of stuff being done for you around here. My notes are available each week, as well as the AT Snacks. There's a lot of time that goes into these notes so that you can have something available to take home and study. **Babies have to be fed. Adults feed themselves.**

The reason that we do all this stuff is so you (it's for you) can be a mover and a shaker in the kingdom. It's your time!

The time for being a spectator is over. It's time to get in the game. You get knocked down. You get your nose bloody, but you get back up. We're in an epic battle for righteousness in the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of God is coming, with you, or without you.

Liberty is a state of being (freedom). **Law equals restrictions. Liberty equals freedom.** In every situation, the Father gives grace, but you have to receive it to walk in it. Grace must be experienced before you can even start the process of understanding it.

Blessed is a man who perseveres under trials. Anybody have a trial? Those of you who don't have a trial going on, just be patient, God will get to you really quickly. It's life. It's not bad.

Look for God in every situation, because He is taking his people through the fire so they can be seasoned and mature for this thing that we're talking about. If you are going through one of the hardest things ever, give God some "THANK YOU" and then, "LORD, HELP". That's the most profound prayer, "Lord, Help".

Thursday:

Again, blessed is the man who perseveres under trial. That's grace. God gives you the grace to endure.

1 Corinthians 10:23 says, "*All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful (or profitable). All things are lawful, but not all things edify*". You are under grace, but that doesn't mean that you go and violate every bit of the law and everything's okay. That's just dumb.

God loves you with a perfect love and turns you loose, but you soon find out as you go through life, you can't do this thing without Him. God loves you with a perfect love, but it's not perfected until you choose to love Him back.

In Galatians 5:13, it says, "*For you brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another*". All things are lawful, but not all things are productive, or helpful.

True liberty is not living as you please, but living as you should.

Friday:

When you choose to do things that you know are wrong and that are not good for you, God will let you struggle through the consequences. It's not because He's mad at you, it's because He loves you so much, and wants to do everything that He can to build character in you, and help you be conformed into the image of Jesus.

You might say, “*Well, what kind of consequences*”? I just know this, that when you let the enemy in, he doesn’t just come in with one thing, he brings a lot of other stuff with him. I know that. So, you’re going to have to deal with a lot of stuff. **And consequences of what you do can be really, really hard.**

We used to sin because we had a sin nature. Now we sin because we choose to.

We know right from wrong even before we’re saved, because we have a conscience.

You don’t hear me talking about sin a lot, because the new covenant is not about sin. It’s about righteousness.

Please read Romans 1: 28-32. This scripture is a real eye opener.

Saturday:

If you continually violate your conscience, if you go past what you know is right to do, I guess somewhere along the way, God could turn you over to that and let you have all of that you want. He’ll let you have all of it you want, and somewhere along the way, you’re going to think, “*This ain’t that good of a deal*”. And the other thing is, you can come home today. That’s grace!

God might just say, “*If that’s what you want, there’s going to be some severe consequences*”. The devil’s going to bring a lot more stuff with him if you let him in the door. You are not going to like it and the people who are important to you are going to suffer the most for it.

Most of the time, He’s not loud when you are getting ready to cross that line of compromise. It’s quiet, and if you aren’t careful, you will go right past what He’s trying to say to you.

The issue of sexual immorality comes up a lot in the Bible. So, if you engage in sexual immorality, God will forgive you and He’ll give you grace. That’s the kind of God He is. But to go into a situation like that thinking that you can do something stupid and God will rescue you and forgive you is one of the most immature, stupid things a person could ever do. It’s a total disregard and total disrespect of the grace of God.

Hebrews 10:26-27 says, “*For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment*”.

God will forgive me and He’ll give me grace in those situations, He will, but He wants you to see, and He wants you to know from this one scripture and more, He wants you to see how serious it is to run past the grace of God, to do something stupid when you know better, and, as kingdom people, we’re better than that.

You have to hold up a standard in your own life and a standard in your household, with people you associate with, people whot you play golf with, or gather for coffee with. Hold up the standard of grace, and don’t compromise as a kingdom person.

God doesn’t test you so that He can find out where you are at in something. He tests you so **you’ll** know where you are at.