



Lesson 59 - God's Grace Abounds

For this lesson we are going to focus on God's Grace. But first let's look at the words we received this week.

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BT – Where do your thoughts exist? In your mind. Where does your mind exist? In the spirit realm. Your mind is your stronghold. Take control. It is yours. Keep it clean. Exercise it. Feed it with My word.

CT – Honor and Respect Your King who reigns from on high. Majesty, Splendor and grace are with this King. Elements mixing; co-habiting; living together. Marriage is leaving what you once knew and commencing what is to be.

Sacraments prepared (spiritual sacraments). Sacrament Definition – A Christian rite (i.e. baptism, Eucharist) that is believed to have been ordained by Christ that is held to be a means of divine grace or to be a sign or symbol of a spiritual reality; a religious rite or observance comparable to a Christian sacrament; 2) communion, blessed sacrament; 3) something likened to a religious sacrament.

Ceremonies. Legal decrees. Pomp and Circumstance, trumpeters sounding. Close at Hand. Time is ticking by. (I believe these words relate to time and the Lord's coming.)

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Seashores are warm and enticing but don't go there (sea water is salty and impure not good to take in). Go to the living waters of the Lord (pure and clean and should be taken in).

Majesty, Splendor and Grace are with this King

This week much of what we received referenced the fact that our Lord is a King. His character was defined with the words above. **Majesty**, He is the sovereign power, authority, full of dignity and royal bearing. **Splendor**, He has a great brightness, brilliancy and **grace** about Him. But what exactly is grace? Well, the definition of grace is: unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration or sanctification; a virtue coming from God; a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine grace; 2) approval, favor; mercy, pardon; a special favor: privilege; disposition to or an act or instance of kindness, courtesy or clemency; a temporary exemption: reprieve. Several other definitions of grace are: unmerited love given freely; the favor of God; a state of reconciliation to God. Thus when we are told God is full of grace; we are being told God is merciful, He offers you assistance, He is kind, courteous and virtuous. He offers you clemency or pardon and He loves you even though we do not deserve any of this. These words say a lot about His character don't they?

The Bible tells us that grace comes from Jesus Christ.

John 1:17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15

But the free gift is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.

His grace is for us all and it is all-sufficient. We have received this aforementioned gift (eternal life) through His grace.

2 Corinthians 12:9

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

His grace is sufficient. This gift we have been given came through Jesus' obedience to God's laws. He fulfilled them. He did this out of love for us. He is virtuous. He is kind. He is merciful. We have been pardoned. This pardon came through grace and His sacrifice.

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Jesus came to fulfill the law, thereby legally establishing His throne and enabling a legal way through Him in which we can obtain eternal life. He came to do what the law could not do. He paid the price and the everlasting covenant was established permanently by His death on the cross. The covenant now had something added, making it new, including the availability of eternal life through Jesus.

Jesus fulfilled the righteousness of the law through love and we are to do the same. We will not be like Him until we do. We have not grown up into Him until we do!

Which leads us to our next section:

Be a Gracious Witness, Full of Peace

Jesus fulfilled the law through love, not just through the letter of the law or need. The need was there but He fulfilled the need through love. He went to the cross because of the need to fulfill the law and the prophets but He did it through love.

We as Christians are grafted in, not separated out! *And as such,*

The Spotless Bride fulfills the righteousness of the law through love, as Jesus did, even fulfilling the law of sacrifice by giving up her life to the Lord.

Romans 12:1

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Jesus is our example. We are to walk as He walked, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable unto God. Further understanding comes from these words:

In the COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE, by David Sterns pg. 686, **statutes of life** is actually translated "**laws that give life.**" So by replacing "statutes of life" in the following scripture it reads:

Ezekiel 33:15 ILB

*if the wicked returns the pledge; he repays the thing stolen, he walks in the **laws that give life**, not doing iniquity; he shall surely live; he shall not die. . . .*

However, some mistakenly believe that living by grace means not living under the law, but we have learned this,

In comparison to God's laws, the laws at any street intersection actually protect you and give you life. *The same is true about "pressure to obey." Once you understand God's invisible laws*, why they are there, and function in them, the pressure of obeying goes away and they hopefully become a habit. Years ago the Lord revealed to me that the preaching of grace, love, and judgement are totally out of balance. Judgment has to do with God's laws, His statutes, His Word. So we can visualize the preacher who preached this, "Don't get into legalism, it will bring pressure!" going through street intersections disregarding the laws saying, "Grace, grace, grace, I don't want any pressure!" You know what will happen!

Except the Lord states this in:

Ephesians 5:

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

The church must focus on becoming spotless. She cannot be holy and without blemish while breaking God's laws and statutes any more than Jesus could be. Jesus said the way is narrow that leads to life. It's time we embrace God's laws and statutes through love as Jesus did! **It's time for fundamentalists to change their attitude towards the law! It's time for the church to walk on Mount Zion.**

Consequently the reason this is important is because we are to walk as Jesus walked. He fulfilled the law through love remember.

Romans 13:8-10

Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

We are to have the same character Jesus had. We are to carry ourselves in a dignified manner, we are to be merciful, kind, courteous, forgiving, helpful and loving. These are the characteristic of Christ. In other words we should be full of grace also. They should be our characteristics as well. **Reflect me**, He said.

The royal law (**James 2:8**) states *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* And the Golden rule (**Luke 6:31**) *"And just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise."* We are to do as Jesus did. We are to embrace this life we have been given through love and grace just as He did.

Hebrews 12:28

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.

Psalm 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

Hebrews 4:16

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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This transformation of grace in ourselves is made easier through remembering this,

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And,

Seashores are warm and enticing but don't go there (sea water is salty and impure not good to take in). Go to the living waters (His word) of the Lord (pure and clean; should be taken in as it hydrates you – the definition of hydrate is interesting, it is to cause to take up or combine with water or the elements of water – in other words elements mixing together). And what did the Lord say this week about elements mixing together?

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Leave what you know and commence living in His Will; be filled with His grace!

May the Lord Bless and Keep You!

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