

## Startled by Grace Part 3: "A New World" (4-22-2018)

**New Series:** "Startled by Grace . . . Waking up to the very Good News! The same Gospel that saves you is the Gospel that sustains you. We should wake up to this good news today and everyday!"

**Week 1 Review:** Genesis 6 (The Coming Flood) - Grace God's Grace appears in the midst of judgment & grief

- 1) **Grace is Present (Because God is Present)** – Noah walked with God
- 2) **Grace speaks Truth** - Grace warns, is patient, prepares, carries, and sustains through life's floods
- 3) **Grace Empowers** - Grace empowers us to survive the flood, & Faith believes in and participates with Grace!

**Week 2 Review:** Genesis 7 (The Flood) - Grace for the Humble

**James 4:6** - "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

**Grappling with sin & judgment (my sin!) is essential to understanding, receiving, and enjoying Grace**

**Tim Keller** - "Only when we see the depth of our sin will we be electrified by the wonder of grace."

**Today Week 3:** Genesis 8-9 (After the Flood) – A New World

### 1) Resurrection Life

Grace is about living in Resurrection Life . . .

#### **Genesis 8:1-22 (ESV)**

(1) But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. (2) The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, (3) and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, (4) and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat.

**Notes:** Every detail in scripture matters!

- 7<sup>th</sup> Month and the 17<sup>th</sup> Day of the Month - The Day the Ark came to rest on the Mountain top
- There are 2 Jewish Calendars – the original (as seen in Genesis) & the religious (at the birth of the nation)
- The Genesis calendar begins in the fall with the month of Tishri
- The New Calendar begins in the spring with the month of Nisan
- The spring month of Nisan is the 7<sup>th</sup> month of the Genesis calendar, which includes Passover & First Fruits
- Scholars believe that the year Jesus was crucified that Passover was on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Nisan . . .
- The following Sunday (after Jesus spent 3 days in the grave) was . . .
- The 17<sup>th</sup> day of Nisan the feast of First Fruits! The Day Jesus rose from the grave!
- The Same day the Ark came to rest on the Mountain Top!

**1 Corinthians 15:16-20 (ESV)**

(16) For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. (17) And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. (18) Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. (19) If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. (20) But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**Note:** Jesus is the first fruits of Resurrection Life

What is our part in receiving & experiencing His Grace and Resurrection Life? The same as the Ark – be at Rest!

**2) Living in the New World**

Through Jesus a whole new world is open to us. How then should we live? Let's look at 4 key principles!

**a) The Sacrifice****Genesis 8:18-20 (ESV)**

(18) So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. (19) Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark. (20) Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar.

**Life Principal:** We make sacrifices to advance in life and care for the ones we love

**Deeper Meaning:** Jesus is the ultimate & final sacrifice, once for all that makes the way for new life!

**b) The Promise****Genesis 9:11-15 (ESV)**

(11) I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." (12) And God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: (13) I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. (14) When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, (15) I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

**Notes: These first 2 principles of our New life in Jesus rely upon God not me!**

He has sacrificed greatly for you & me.

He has promised us an eternal home with him.

Based upon Him not us!

Now we have a part to play . . .

### c) We Worship Him

#### Genesis 8:20-22 (ESV)

(20) Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. (21) And when the LORD smelled the pleasing aroma, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. (22) While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

**Notes:** We worship God, and meanwhile He . . .

- Takes pleasure in us
- Has grace & understanding for our condition
- Will be with us in all-seasons

### d) We embrace the Adventure

#### Genesis 9:1-3, 18-19 (ESV)

(1) And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. (2) The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. (3) Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything . . .

(18) The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) (19) These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

**Notes:** They face a whole new world to be explored, populated, and cared for.

There is adventure and responsibility, but they have what it takes!

**This is exactly our position after the Resurrection of Jesus, on another mountain top no less . . .**

#### Matthew 28:16-20 (ESV)

(16) Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. (17) And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. (18) And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

**Notes:** You see the same pattern . . . Worship & Adventure!

**The Conclusion to the Story – A word of Warning . . .**

### 3) A Word of Warning

#### Genesis 9:20-25 (ESV)

(20) Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. (21) He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. (22) And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. (23) Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. (24) When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, (25) he said, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers."

**Note:** A sure sign you have received Grace? You can give it away!

**Warning:** Mocking, exposing, highlighting the wrong of others . . . leads to a life of bondage

**Example:** The current Church climate – tearing it down, leaving it, throwing stones & accusations

We are here because of the previous Generation of the Church . . .

That should come with respect

We are part of the same thing

Work in our generation to do our part

If we mock & teardown, we will not be free

Extended Grace, and then Participate in the Adventure of strengthening & improving the church

**Conclusion:** Grace brings Resurrection Life . . .

Founded upon the Sacrifice & Promise of God – so let's rest in Him!

Enjoyed by us, as we Worship Him & Embrace the Adventure

Let's be sure to live in Grace & extend it to others!