

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES
WOMEN IN THE WORD
Fellowship Bible Church
The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 12

How Grace and Obedience Work Together

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1. The Biblical view of grace does not give anyone license to sin.

Romans 6:1-2 *What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?*

Romans 6:15,22 *What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and it's end, eternal life.*

We will sin as we live in this life and as believers God's grace covers that sin every time, but true grace never encourages people to live in sin.

2. The Biblical view of grace leads to Godly living and relationship with God.

Titus 2:11-14 *For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.*

3. Living a life according to our Spiritual identity

A. Know that God has changed you by grace

Romans 6:5-7 *For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.*

By God's divine power the blood of Christ has given us freedom from the bondage of sin and worldly desires. God exchanged our old fallen human identity with a new righteous and holy identity the moment we received Christ as our Savior by faith. We did not work for this exchange.

B. Be convinced of who you are in Christ

Colossians 2:6-10 Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

Established in the faith means that we become convinced of who we are in Christ through the Holy Spirit's leading and the Word of God.

Start early, or now! - Just like we do with a baby - start early and teach them their identity

Many of us have been spiritually confused for many years. It's hard to unlearn things. - Most of have been striving to obtain a sense of righteousness, holiness and acceptance through our own efforts. Taught to DO... right from the beginning of our Christian lives. Efforts etc.

Be consistent - We are consistent in teaching the identity of our children.

What about our spiritual identity? If we were not taught these things consistently, we quickly fall into legalism and wrong thinking. Too often we hear teaching that says we must "do" in order to "be". Actually God has made us to "be" in order that we can "do".

Frequently - With our children we start early, we are consistent and we confirm their identity often. Daily!

We need to remind ourselves and each other on a daily basis of our new identity in Christ. I am accepted in the beloved, I have the righteousness of Christ, I am holy, I am alive to God, I am a child of God... * see back page

C. Have faith - Dependence

2 Peter 1:2-4 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

Faith in the precious and very great promises will enable us to become partakers of the divine nature. It's faith in these facts that change our daily lives. Not faith in ourselves.

4. By the power and leading of the Holy Spirit

John 16:12-15 *"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.*

1 Corinthians 2:9-12 *But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him"—*

these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.

5. Unbiblical ditches - Warning!

People who focus on obedience, make the Christian life about self and how they are living.

People who focus on grace, make the Christian life about grace and freedom to do what they want.

6. Conclusion:

If our focus is on Christ and His finished work on the cross on our behalf and the results of who He has made us, we will have the proper perspective of God's grace which will lead to Godly living.

Hebrews 12:1-2 *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Discuss at your tables -

1. Share a with your group a lightbulb moment during this grace study.
2. What about your understanding of grace has changed from the beginning of this study?
3. What has stood out to you about the meta narrative that we followed through this study?

100 Identity Truths₁
(Your true identity in Christ Jesus)

1. I am born again (I Peter 1:23)
2. I am a child of God (John 1:12)
3. I am a saint (I Corinthians 1:2)
4. I am the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)
5. I am the light of the world (Matthew 5:14)
6. I am a disciple because I have love for others (John 13:34-35)
7. I am protected by the power of His name (John 17:11)
8. I am set free by the truth (John 8:31-33)
9. I am eternally secure in Christ (John 10:27-31)
10. I am kept from the evil one (John 17:15)
11. I am one with God the Father and Jesus the Son (John 17:23)
12. I am God's gift to Christ (John 17:24)
13. I have peace with God (Romans 5:1)
14. I have been justified by faith (Romans 5:1)
15. I have access into the sphere of God's grace (Romans 5:2)
16. I can rejoice in trouble (Romans 5:3)
17. The love of God has been poured out in my heart (Romans 5:5)
18. I am reigning in the life of Jesus Christ (Romans 5:17)
19. I have been reconciled to God through the death of Jesus (Romans 5:10)
20. I am being saved by the life of Jesus (Romans 5:10b)
21. I have been baptized into Christ's death (Romans 6:3)
22. I have been raised to walk in the newness of life (Romans 6:4)
23. I have been united with Christ through His death and resurrection (Romans 6:5)
24. My old self was crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6)
25. I am alive to God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11)
26. I am yielded to God (Romans 6:13)
27. I am not under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:14)
28. I have eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23)
29. I am freed from the power of sin (Romans 6:18)
30. I am free from condemnation (Romans 8:1)
31. I am a servant of God (Romans 6:22)
32. I am free from the power of sin and am a servant of righteousness (Romans 6:18)
33. I am free from the vicious cycle of sin and death (Romans 8:2)
34. I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:9)
35. I am led by the Spirit of God (Romans 8:14)
36. I am a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:17)
37. I am confident that all things work together for good (Romans 8:28)
38. I am being conformed to the image of Christ (Romans 8:29)
39. The Holy Spirit helps my infirmities (Romans 8:26)
40. The Holy Spirit makes intercession for me (Romans 8:26)
41. God foreknew me (Romans 8:29)
42. I have been given all things (Romans 8:32)
43. I am inseparable from the love of God (Romans 8:35)
44. I am more than a conqueror through Christ (Romans 8:37)
45. I am God's temple (I Corinthians 3:16-17)
46. I am washed, sanctified, and justified by the blood of Jesus (I Corinthians 6:11)
47. I have been bought with a price (I Corinthians 6:20)
48. I am the image and glory of God (I Corinthians 11:7)
49. I am triumphant in Christ (II Corinthians 2:14)
50. I am a sweet aroma manifesting the presence of God wherever I go (II Corinthians 2:14)
51. I am adequate for anything because my adequacy comes from God (II Corinthians 3:5)

52. I am a new creation in Christ (II Corinthians 5:17)
53. I am an ambassador for Christ (II Corinthians 5:20)
54. I am strongest when I am weakest (II Corinthians 12:10)
55. I am crucified with Christ and the life I now live is His (Galatians 2:20)
56. I am redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)
57. I am filled with the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control (Galatians 5:22-23)
58. I am in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:1)
59. I am blessed with every spiritual blessing (Ephesians 1:3)
60. I am chosen by God to be holy and blameless (Ephesians 1:4)
61. I am predestined to adoption through Jesus (Ephesians 1:5)
62. I am accepted in the beloved (Ephesians 1:6)
63. I have redemption through His blood (Ephesians 1:7)
64. I am forgiven of all my sins (Ephesians 1:7)
65. He has made known to me the mystery of His will (Ephesians 1:9)
66. I have wisdom as I try to know His will (Ephesians 1:8)
67. I am predestined according to His purpose (Ephesians 1:11)
68. I have obtained an inheritance (Ephesians 1:11)
69. I am filled with the Holy Spirit of promise (Ephesians 1:13)
70. I have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in His knowledge (Ephesians 1:17)
71. My eyes have been enlightened (Ephesians 1:18)
72. I know the hope of my calling (Ephesians 1:18)
73. I know the exceeding greatness of His power to me (Ephesians 1:19)
74. I know the riches of His inheritance in the saints (Ephesians 1:18)
75. I am made alive with Christ (Ephesians 2:1)
76. I am raised with Christ and seated in the heavenlies (Ephesians 2:6)
77. I have been saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8)
78. I am God's handiwork created in Christ Jesus for good works (Ephesians 2:10)
79. Once afar off, I am now made near by the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13)
80. I have access through Jesus to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)
81. I am a fellow citizen with the saints in God's household (Ephesians 2:19)
82. I am built upon the foundation of the apostles and Christ the cornerstone (Ephesians 2:20)
83. I am able to walk boldly into Christ's presence (Ephesians 3:12)
84. I am strengthened with power through His spirit of the inner man (Ephesians 3:16)
85. I am receiving exceeding, abundantly above all that I ask or think (Ephesians 3:20)
86. I can speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
87. I can grow up in all things under him (Ephesians 4:15)
88. I have been renewed in the spirit of my mind (Ephesians 4:23)
89. I have put off the old man (Ephesians 4:22)
90. I once was darkness, but now I am light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8)
91. I am able to walk as a child of light (Ephesians 5:8)
92. I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might (Ephesians 6:10)
93. I choose to put on the whole armor of God and stand (Ephesians 6:13)
94. I am able to quench all of Satan's darts (Ephesians 6:16)
95. He who started a good work in me will finish it (Philippians 1:6)
96. I will be ashamed of nothing; with boldness, Christ will be magnified (Philippians 1:20)
97. The mind which was in Christ is in me (Philippians 2:5)
98. God is working in me both to desire and to do His good pleasure (Philippians 2:13)
99. My citizenship is in heaven from which I eagerly await His coming (Philippians 3:20)
100. I can rejoice in the Lord always (Philippians 4:4)