

The uniform. As Christians we believe grace was at one time applied, but we are invited to live in it.

HOW DO WE LIVE IN GOD'S GRACE? IN A WORLD THAT SEEMS TO TWIST IT? I'M IN THIS FIGHT W/YOU.

WE REJECT GOD'S GRACE THROUGH PRIDE (JAMES 4:1-5)

Romans 8:6-8 - ⁶For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

⁸Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

God wants to make us whole as we are close to him, we want the world to make us whole as we are close to it.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE THROUGH HUMILITY (JAMES 4:6-10)

NT nestled in OT

Sin doesn't get softer in the NT, we just get a savior. Honesty with self generates humility.

Matthew 23:12 - ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

WE REFLECT GOD'S GRACE THROUGH DISCERNMENT (JAMES 4:11-12)

What good is knowing the law and judging others with it if we don't follow it ourselves?

God doesn't want tattletales, he wants truth speakers.

God doesn't want opinions, he wants obedience.

God doesn't want hot takes on others, he wants holiness.

God doesn't want busybodies, he wants burden-bearers.

God doesn't want counts of sin, he wants courageous engagement.

Remember the difference between discrimination and discernment

- **Discrimination** judges only based on what can be seen and externally inferred.

- Romans 2:1 - ¹Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges.

- For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things.

- **Discernment** judges based on personal repentance, communal reflection, and loving rebuke. (Matthew 7:1-5)

- Matthew 7:1-5 - ¹"Judge not, that you be not judged.

- ²For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you.

- ³Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?

- ⁴Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?

- ⁵You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

GOD LOVES THE WORLD, BUT IT NEEDS SAVING

MAY WE NOT REJECT HIS GRACE IN PRIDE, BUT RECEIVE + REFLECT IT IN HUMILITY