

The Point of Grace

The Mystery of His Will

School Scholarships

- Grace Point Academy – Christian Education – Hillsdale Classical Curriculum Model
 - K-3
 - Teachers
- A need for Options in Education
 - Low Test Scores – 41% Below Grade Level - WA
 - Teaching Values and Beliefs
 - Less about Education and More about Indoctrinating our Children
 - Anti-God
 - Anti-Bible
 - Faith is often under attack from the moment they enter into some public schools
 - Fortunately there are true heroes in Public Education
 - Serve our Children, families
 - Upholding Truth and Love and God despite the difficult environment they face
 - Critical Race Theory
 - Promoting Racism

- Villainizing White people especially White Men
- Anti-America
 - Chip Away at the Foundation of our Country
 - Rewrite American History
 - Anti-Flag
 - Anti-Constitution
 - Anti-Freedom
- Force Masks or even Vaccination during COVID
- LBGQT Agenda –
 - Pronouns
- That Might Work in some Woke Cities...but Try that in a small town!!
- Small Town
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The Offense of the Cross

- **The Holiness Movement**
 - Entire sanctification
 - Christian Perfection
 - Belief that the Christian life should be free of sin.
- **Tenants of the Doctrine of Grace**
 - Saved by Grace Through Faith
 - Underserved...Unearned Favor
 - Justification By Faith
 - Made Right with God
 - By Faith Alone and Not By Works

Offended By The Cross!!

- **Mystery of His Will**
 - God's Way of Righteousness

God Made A Way!!

Romans 7:18-25 – NLT - Circumcision – Separated From Sin

¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if

I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

God Made A Way!!

John 3:16-17 – NLT – God Loves Us Even Before We Chose Him

¹⁶ “For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

- **Jesus came to bring salvation to sinners**
- **Except you believe in me you will die in your sins**

Romans 5:8 – NLT - **God Loves Us Even Before We Chose Him**

⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Ephesians 2:1,4-6,8-10 – NLT - **God Loves Us Even Before We Chose Him**

² Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

PlayDo – PlayDo – PlayDo – PlayDo

One With God

His Spirit and Our Spirit Become One Spirit

- Yada Yada Yada...

- **Galatians 4:9** – NLT – ONE With God

⁹ So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world?

- Known By God! - He will never say I Never Knew You!!!

- **1 Corinthians 6:17** – NLT - ONE With God

¹⁷ But the person who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

- **2 Corinthians 5:17-21** – NLT - Justified and Saved By Grace

¹⁷ This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

¹⁸ And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. ²⁰ So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his

appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

Circumcision – “Snip Snip”

Colossians 2:10-15 – NLT – Circumcision – Separated From Sin

¹⁰ So you also are complete through your union with Christ, who is the head over every ruler and authority.

¹¹ When you came to Christ, you were “circumcised,” but not by a physical procedure. Christ performed a spiritual circumcision—the cutting away of your sinful nature. ^[c] ¹² For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with him you were raised to new life because you trusted the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the

cross. ¹⁵ In this way, he disarmed^[d] the spiritual rulers and authorities. He shamed them publicly by his victory over them on the cross.

Psalm 103:12 – NLT - Circumcision – Separated From Sin

¹² He has removed our sins as far from us as the east is from the west.

Ephesians 4:22-24 – NLT - Circumcision – Separated From Sin

²² throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

Cloaked

1 John 3:1-2 – NLT - God is Hidden In Us

3 See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are! But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him. ² Dear friends, we are already God's children, but he has not yet shown us what we will be like

when Christ appears. But we do know that we will be like him, for we will see him as he really is.”

John 14:8-11 – NLT - **God is Hidden In Us**

⁸ Philip said, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

⁹ Jesus replied, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don’t know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you? ¹⁰ Don’t you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me. ¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

Cloaked...But...We will be like Him!

Colossians 1:26-27 – NLT – **God is Hidden In Us**

²⁶ This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God’s people. ²⁷ For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: **Christ lives in you.** This gives you assurance of sharing his glory.

Galatians 4:6 – NLT - **God is Hidden In Us**

⁶ And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.”

Romans 4:4-8 – NLT - **Justified and Saved By Grace**

⁴ When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they have earned. ⁵ But people are counted as righteous, not because of their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners. ⁶ David also spoke of this when he described the happiness of those who are declared righteous without working for it:

⁷ “Oh, what joy for those
whose disobedience is forgiven,
whose sins are put out of sight.

⁸ Yes, what joy for those
whose record the Lord has cleared of sin.”

Romans 5:1-2 – NLT – **Justified and Saved By Grace**

⁵ Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God

because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. ² Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

Romans 8:1-17, 35-39 – NLT – **The Whole Picture**

8 So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.

⁵ Those who are dominated by the sinful nature think about sinful things, but those who are controlled by the Holy Spirit think about things that please the Spirit. ⁶ So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace. ⁷ For the sinful

nature is always hostile to God. It never did obey God's laws, and it never will. ⁸ That's why those who are still under the control of their sinful nature can never please God.

⁹ But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the Spirit if you have the Spirit of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.) ¹⁰ And Christ lives within you, so even though your body will die because of sin, the Spirit gives you life because you have been made right with God. ¹¹ The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

¹² Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. ¹³ For if you live by its dictates, you will die. But if through the power of the Spirit you put to death the deeds of your sinful nature, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ For his Spirit joins with

our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. ¹⁷ And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

³⁵ Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? ³⁶ (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") ³⁷ No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

³⁸ And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, ^[p] neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹ No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 1:3-14 – NLT - **The Whole Picture**

³ All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual

blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴ Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵ God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶ So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷ He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸ He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.

⁹ God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰ And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth. ¹¹ Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

¹² God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. ¹³ And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when

you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago.¹⁴ The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

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Matthew 16:24-25 – NLT - Pick up your cross

²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ²⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it.

Romans 6:5-11 – NLT - Pick up your cross

⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. ⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ

so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. ⁸ And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. ⁹ We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. ¹⁰ When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. ¹¹ So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Galatians 2:20 – NLT - Pick up your cross

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Bonus Scriptures:

Colossians 1:19-22 - NLT

¹⁹ For God in all his fullness
was pleased to live in Christ,
²⁰ and through him God reconciled
everything to himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on
earth
by means of Christ's blood on the cross.

²¹ This includes you who were once far away from
God. You were his enemies, separated from him by
your evil thoughts and actions.²² Yet now he has
reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ
in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you
into his own presence, and you are holy and
blameless as you stand before him without a single
fault.

Romans 8:29 – NLT

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose
them to become like his Son, so that his Son would
be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

What's Dead is Dead!!

God is not confused about what's dead and what's
alive!

Ephesians 4:30 – NLT - **Sealed**

³⁰ And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption.