

Understanding Grace Session 10 – Series Review/Conclusion

1. Session 1 and 2 – Saved By Grace

- a. We are saved by Grace.
- b. Grace is the only covenant available to us.
- c. Grace is the unmerited, unearned favor of God toward us.
- d. Scriptures for review:

Hebrews 8:13 (NKJV) – *In that He says, “A new covenant,” He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away*

Hebrews 10:16-18 (NKJV) – ¹⁶*“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,”* ¹⁷*then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”* ¹⁸*Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin*

Ephesians 2:4-8 (NKJV) – ⁴*But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,* ⁵*even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),* ⁶*and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,* ⁷*that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.* ⁸*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,*

2. The Necessity of Being Established in Righteousness

- a. You can believe something but not be entirely established in it.
- b. To be established means to be rooted, grounded and settled in something.

c. Scriptures for Reviews:

Isaiah 54:14-15 (NKJV) – ¹⁴*In righteousness you shall be established; You shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; And from terror, for it shall not come near you. ¹⁵Indeed they shall surely assemble, but not because of Me. Whoever assembles against you shall fall for your sake*

Isaiah 54:17 (NKJV) – *No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me,” says the LORD.*

Established = *To be firm or stable – Fixed securely – settled – to be fastened to.*

We are to be firmly established in our righteous standing with God that we received by grace from him! The key to be blessing is to never allow anything to move you from your righteousness.

- d. To be established means that I can REST in assurance of my right standing with God based upon everything Jesus did and continues to do on my behalf.

3. The Fruit of Righteousness

- a. There should be fruit in the life of a believer.
- b. Sin always has consequences.
- c. Sin may not remove me from my righteous position in Christ, but it certainly will have consequences in this life.
- d. Scriptures for review:

Isaiah 32:17 (NKJV) – *The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever.*

- e. Keys to bearing the fruit of righteousness
 - Right Believing
 - Renewing the Mind

4. The Consequences of Sin

Scriptures for Review:

Galatians 6:7-9 (NKJV) – ⁷*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* ⁸*For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.* ⁹*And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

- Corruption def = destruction and perishing
- Sin brings a harvest of corruption
 - Spiritual corruption*
 - Physical Corruption/Disease*
 - Mental Corruption/Stress*
 - Marriage*
 - Children*
 - Financial*
- Sin is an open door for the enemy
 - Robs us of our peace, joy and zeal for God*

5. Why do Christians Sin?

- a. You are a triune being, spirit- soul and body.
- b. The *REAL* me is my spirit!
- c. The *NEW* me is my spirit!
- d. I live in a body and possess a soul.
- e. My spirit is made new and connected to God.
- f. My body and soul/Mind is not made new and must be renewed daily to align with my born again spirit.
- g. Scriptures for Review:

Hebrews 12:23 (NKJV) – *to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect*

Note – *Our spirits were made perfect, not our soul or body!*

Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV) – 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.* ²*And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*

Note: *Our minds must be renewed to align with the things of the Spirit. If I do not renew my mind, it will continue to think according to the flesh. As the mind goes, so goes the body.*

6. Seeing Transformation

- a. **The warfare after being saved!** *Christians are at war with the Old Self that will try to arise and dominate their senses and actions.*
- b. Scriptures for Review:

1 Corinthians 9:27 (ERV) – *It is my own body I fight to make it do what I want. I do this so that I won't miss getting the prize myself after telling others about it.*

- c. Real discipleship is directly connected to teaching and training that will lead to real transformation.
- d. Real discipleship is the changing of the program that your mind and body follow.
- e. Real discipleship renews your mind to:
 - Who you are*
 - What you are*
 - What you can do*
 - Your True Identity*
 - Identifying with the NEW YOU is key to transformation*

7. Developing the New You

- a. Walking/Living in the Spirit
 - We must choose to give place to the spirit vs the flesh*
- b. We have two minds/one spirit
 - *Our mind of the flesh – dominated by the senses*

- *Our mind of the Spirit – dominated by the Spirit/or our born again spirit.*

c. Scriptures for Review:

Roman 8:6 (NKJV) – *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*

Carnal = of the five senses

We are not to be ruled over by our natural senses, we are to be ruled by the spirit.

- d. My born-again spirit is imparting life to my flesh!
If I feed and nourish my spirit, the spirit within will release life to my flesh.

Proverbs 18:14 (NKJV) – *The spirit of a man will sustain him in sickness*