




Grace, Repentance & Works

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Grace

*For by grace you have been saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God;*

Ephesians 2:8

Grace Overcomes The Curse

*However, the Law is not of faith;
on the contrary,*

**"HE WHO PRACTICES THEM
SHALL LIVE BY THEM.**

***“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the
Law, having become a curse for us
- for it is written,***

***"CURSED IS EVERYONE
WHO HANGS ON A TREE "***

Galatians 3: 12 & 13

Christ Came to ...

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

John 3:17

"If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

John 12: 47-48

It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners

1 Timothy 1:15a

Christ Came to ...

*For of His fullness we have all received,
and grace upon grace.*

*For the Law was given through Moses;
**grace and truth were realised
through Jesus Christ.***

John 1:16-17

*This righteousness from God comes
through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
There is no difference, for all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God,
and are*

***justified freely by his grace through the redemption
that came by Christ Jesus.***

Romans 3:22-24 (NIV)

But ...

because He has fixed a day in which
He will judge the world in righteousness
through a Man whom He has appointed,
having furnished proof to all men
by raising Him from the dead."

Acts 17:31

Or do you not know that
the saints will judge the world?

If the world is judged by you, are you not
competent to constitute the smallest law courts?
Do you not know that **we will judge angels?**
How much more matters of this life?

1 Corinthians 6: 2-3

Grace leads to ...

*For you were called to freedom, brethren;
only do not turn your freedom
into an opportunity for the flesh,
but through love serve one another.
For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word,
in the statement,
"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR
AS YOURSELF."*

Galatians 5:13-14

Grace is not ...

1. Law – Galatians 4 & 5
2. Liberty to do as we please
3. Completed by our flesh – Galatians 3:3
4. The governing factor in our ON-GOING walk

Grace Once We Are Saved

*For the grace of God has appeared,
bringing salvation to all men,
instructing us to deny ungodliness
and worldly desires and to live sensibly,
righteously and godly in the present age,
looking for the blessed hope
and the appearing of the glory of our great God
and Saviour, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself
for us to redeem us from every lawless deed,
and to purify for Himself a people
for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.*

Titus 2:11-14

Repentance comes from ...

*Or do you think lightly
of the riches of His kindness
and tolerance and patience,
not knowing that
the kindness of God leads you to
repentance?*

Romans 2: 4

Repentance is Followed by ...

*that they should repent and turn to God,
performing
deeds appropriate to repentance.*

Acts 26:20b

*"Therefore bear fruit in
keeping with repentance;*

Matthew 3:8

And also Followed by ...

*Peter said to them,
"Repent, and each of you **be** baptized
in the name of Jesus Christ
for the forgiveness of your sins;
and **you will receive the gift**
of the Holy Spirit.*

Acts 2:38

God Wants More Than Repentance

*"From the descendants of this man,
according to promise,
God has brought to Israel a Saviour, Jesus,
after **John had proclaimed before His coming
a baptism of repentance**
to all the people of Israel.*

Acts 13:23-24

*Paul said,
"**John baptized with the baptism of
repentance**, telling the people to believe in
Him who was coming after him,
that is, in Jesus."*

Acts 19:4

Dead Works

Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, **let us press on to maturity**, not laying again a foundation of **repentance from dead works** and of faith toward God,

Hebrews 6:1

how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:14

Even so **faith, if it has no works, is dead**, being by itself.

James 2:17

More Than Repentance Required

*See to it that no one
comes short of the grace of God;
that no root of bitterness springing up causes
trouble, and by it many be defiled;
that there be no immoral
or godless person like Esau,
who sold his own birthright for a single meal.
For you know that even afterwards,
when he desired to inherit the blessing,
he was rejected, for he found no place for
repentance, though he sought for it with tears.*

Hebrews 12:15-17

Repentance is More Than Sorrow

*For though I caused you sorrow by my letter,
I do not regret it;
though I did regret it –
for I see that that letter caused you sorrow,
though only for a while - I now rejoice,
not that you were made sorrowful,
but that you were made
sorrowful to the point of repentance;
for you were made
sorrowful according to the will of God,
so that you might not suffer loss
in anything through us.*

*For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a **repentance without regret**, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death. For behold what **earnestness** this very thing, this godly sorrow, has produced in you: what **vindication of yourselves**, what **indignation**, what **fear**, what **longing**, what **zeal**, what **avenging of wrong!** In everything you demonstrated yourselves to be innocent in the matter.*

2 Corinthians 7: 8-11

Grace Leads to Good Works

*For by grace you have been saved
through faith;
and that not of yourselves,
it is the gift of God;
not as a result of works,
so that no one may boast.
For we are His workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good works,
which God prepared beforehand
so that we would walk in them.*

Ephesians 2: 8 -10

Kill Off Flesh Works

*But I say, walk by the Spirit,
and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.
For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh;
for these are in opposition to one another,
so that you may not do the things that you please.
But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law.
Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are:
immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities,
strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions,
factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing,
and things like these, of which I forewarn you,
just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice
such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

Galatians 5:16-21

Go For Spirit Walks

*But the **fruit of the Spirit is love,** joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

*Now those who belong to Christ Jesus **have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.***

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Galatians 5: 22-26

Not Works of 'the Law'

For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

Romans 3:28

**We are not helped by
'religious observance'**

See Amos 5: 21 - 24

Therefore **you have no excuse**,
everyone of you who passes judgment,
for in that which you judge another,
you condemn yourself;
for you who judge practice the same things.
And we know that the **judgment of God**
rightly falls upon those who practice such things.
But do you suppose this, O man,
when you pass judgment
on those who practice such things
and do the same yourself, that you will escape
the judgment of God?
Or do you think lightly of the riches of
His kindness and tolerance and patience,
not knowing that the kindness of God
leads you to repentance?

*But because of your stubbornness
and **unrepentant heart**
you are storing up wrath for yourself
in the day of wrath and revelation
of the righteous judgment of God,
who **WILL RENDER TO EACH PERSON
ACCORDING TO HIS DEEDS:**
to those **who by perseverance in doing good**
seek for glory and honour
and immortality, eternal life;
but to those **who are selfishly ambitious**
and do **not obey the truth,**
but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation.*

Romans 2:1-8

*I wrote you in my letter
not to associate with immoral people;
I did not at all mean
with the immoral people of this world,
or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters,
for then you would have to go out of the world.*

*But actually, I wrote to you not to associate
with any so-called brother if he is an immoral
person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler,
or a drunkard, or a swindler—
not even to eat with such a one.*

*For **what have I to do with judging outsiders?**
Do you not judge those who are within the church?*

***But those who are outside, God judges.**
REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG
YOURSELVES.*

God Wants Obedience (He always Has!)

*Samuel said,
"Has the LORD as much delight
in burnt offerings and sacrifices
As in obeying the voice of the LORD?
Behold, **to obey is better than sacrifice,**
And to **heed** than the fat of rams.*

1 Samuel 15:22

3 Points to Remember

1. Grace is **NOT** 'spiritual penicillin'
2. Repentance is **MORE** than just 'sorry'
3. Good works flow **FROM** our changed relationship with God