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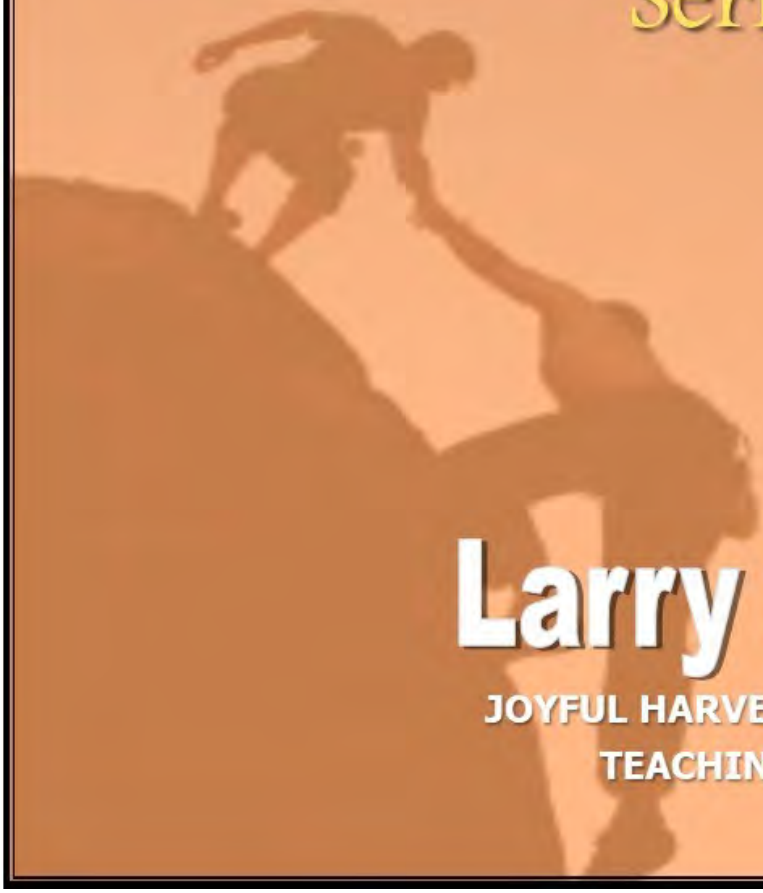

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Forward

First off, I want to say thank you to my wife Joy for allowing me to spend so many hours in study. She has partnered with me to complete the work God gave me many years ago to create so many study guides for students of the Word. Without her this work would be impossible.

This study is the first of many concerning grace; God's unearned unmerited favor. No amount of study can fathom the depths Of God's mercy and grace. This study comes directly from Hebrews chapter 12, and attempts to bring to surface some important truths found there for us.

To "have grace" is the attempt to allow God's love to flow through us to others with His ability. We are called to care and love one another even if it is unmerited.

I hope this study is a blessing to you. It was one of the first in many, and many to come.

Maranatha

Pastor Larry

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STUDY: Having Grace

LESSON 1

Let us have Grace

I. Introduction

Hebrews 12:28 says, " Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: for our God is a consuming fire"

The definition of grace is: “unmerited, unearned favor”. God gives this to all mankind and gloriously saves those who receive His grace. He expects us to do the same. This study comes from the entire chapter of Hebrews 12 and speaks to how we deal with others who persecute us, how we should live, and how we treat others. We must have grace if we are going to represent God's kingdom and the gospel well.

II. Overview: Heaven is watching (Hebrews 12) Overview

Chapter 11 – is the Hall of Faith

Hebrews 12:1-2

[1] Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

[2] Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

12 Pillars of Truth- Hebrews 12 from the Amplified Version

v.1 1. We are surrounded by witnesses- Hebrews 11

v.1 2. We should strip off and lay aside the sin that affects us.

v.1 3. Run with patience the race set before us

v.2 4. Look away from distraction to Jesus who started and will finish the work

v.3 5. Think about what Jesus has done and don't grow weary in your struggles

Hebrews 12:3
For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

v.5 6. Submit to correction and discipline of the Lord

Hebrews 12:4-5
4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.
5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

v.12 7. Be encouraged and show it by lifting up relaxed hands and straighten paralyzed knees- Lift up and get up!

Hebrews 12:12
12 Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees;

v.13 8. Make firm and straight tracks for your feet so you and others might stay healthy

Hebrews 12:13
13 And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way; but let it rather be healed.

v.14 9. Work hard to keep peace with everybody and pursue holiness

Hebrews 12:14
14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

v.15 10. Look after other in your midst who fall short of or lack the Grace of God, stopping potential roots of bitterness that can defile many

Hebrews 12:15
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

v.25 11. Listen to what God is speaking to you now

Hebrews 12:25
25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

v.28 12. Let us have Grace (KJV) so we might serve God properly

Hebrews 12:28-29
28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

III. Interesting Points

A. #2 (verse 1) Paul says we all have a particular sin or "weight" that "*besets us*" or literally in Greek. "Skillfully surrounds us or stands near us."

Hebrews 12:1 (WEY)
Therefore, surrounded as we are by such a vast cloud of witnesses, let us fling aside every encumbrance and the sin that so readily entangles our feet. And let us run with patient endurance the race that lies before us,

"My grace is everything you need"

2 Corinthians 12:9
9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Real church is about grace…

B. #5 (verse 3) "consider" KJV. In Greek "*analogizomai*" Think about it, "analyze this" Consider Jesus, think about how Jesus dealt with this.

Hebrews 12:3
Just think of Him Who endured from sinners such grievous opposition *and* bitter hostility against Himself [reckon up and consider it all in comparison with your trials], so that you may not grow weary *or* exhausted, losing heart *and* relaxing *and* fainting in your minds.

"Who endured contradictions of sinners" – They lied about Jesus – Are you better than Jesus? They will lie about you.

One time while I was in college and was youth pastoring a group of youth. A young lady in my youth group lied about me and was hurt because I didn't invite her over to watch movies at my house. She told people we were watching porno movies. I was extremely hurt that a Christian girl I had ministered to so much, would lie about me. I sought out counsel from a pastor friend who was the head counselor at a very large ministry. My pastor friend said to me as I cried to him about it, "Do you think you are better than Jesus?" Through this I realized I was not better than Jesus and that He had people lie about him also. I confronted this girl by the leading of the Holy Spirit and restored her to fellowship and she fully repented of what she had done.

C. I#6 (verse 5) Illegitimate children in the church with an inferiority complex. A father's love comes with discipline. Church hoppers –

Hebrews 12:5-11
5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:
6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.
7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?
8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.
9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected *us*, and we gave *them* reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?
10 For they verily for a few days chastened *us* after their own pleasure; but he for *our* profit, that *we* might be partakers of his holiness.
11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

1. Parenting with Grace

2. We haven't arrived yet- Philippians 3:7-13

Philippians 3:12 (HCSB)
12 Not that I have already reached [the goal] or am already fully mature, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus.

3. God is the good father-

"How does God discipline us? Discipline and punishment are not synonymous" (Rom. 2:4, 1 Cor. 2:9-14, Matt. 7:11, Matt 18:15 church discipline)

D. #8 (verse 13) There is no substitute for good doctrine

Philippians 3:13-14
13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but *this* one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,
14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Tim. 1:1-10

1 Timothy 1:3-4 (HCSB)
3 As I urged you when I went to Macedonia, remain in Ephesus so that you may instruct certain people not to teach different doctrine
4 or to pay attention to myths and endless genealogies. These promote empty speculations rather than God's plan, which operates by faith.

1. Another Gospel – "called into Grace" Don't mix the gospel with Law. Grace and Law contrasted

Galatians 1:6-7
6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

2. "Divers" and strange doctrines is "variegated mixed colors"

Hebrews 13:9
9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

E. #4 (verse 2) The finisher of our faith: Jesus "sat down" it is finished!!

Hebrews 12:2
2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

1. Sacrifices can never take away sins.

Hebrews 10:11-14
11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;
13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Read on – Jesus sat down after ONE sacrifice forever!! (Verse 14)

2. There is no furniture in the Temple to sit down
3. Ephesians 2:4-6 "But God, who is rich in mercy… made us to sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" Believers resting in finished work of the Cross

Ephesians 2:4-6
4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

4. "I have finished the work"

John 17:4
4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5. "It is finished."

John 19:30
30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

IV. Grace is a focus point

Def: What is Grace? = "unmerited favor" <u>undeserved, unearned,</u> favor of God

Hebrews 12:14-15
14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;

A. #10 (verse 15) Our brother's keeper

This Chapter deals with how we deal with others who persecute us, how we should live, and how we treat others.

(Verse 14) Strive to live in Peace

B. Look after one another

Hebrews 10:24-25
24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Why: (Verse 22) We have come to Mt. Zion

Hebrews 12:22
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

We all are citizens of heaven

C. (verse 15) Watch diligently-

2 Timothy 2:24-26
24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,
25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
26 And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

1. Those who fail or are short of Grace of God

   Romans 3:20-22
   20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.
   21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;
   22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

2. Sexual Vices

Romans 6:1-14
1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?
2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

3. Profane like Esau did giving up his Birthright. Could not repent to get it back. How do we deal with these? (Gal 6:1-2) Spirit of meekness with Grace

D. (verse 15) "Lack the Grace of God" Gal. 6:1-2

2 Views:

1. Those who fail to give grace

2. Those who sin because of it

Galatians 6:1-2
[1] Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
[2] Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Sure sign of disease in Body of Christ – Lacking Grace

(Gal 1:7) "Some have perverted the Gospel" God revealed to me in 2010 that there is no foundation of grace in churches – causes people to be judgmental and legalistic.

V. Grace causes us to reign in life

#12 (verse 28)

Hebrews 12:28-29
[28] Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we

may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
[29] For our God *is* a consuming fire.

A. <u>Having</u> grace and understanding it causes us to live right and treat others right and worship God properly

Verb-action, definition: To lay hold of, possess it, to put it on like clothing- To be closely joined to (like marriage)a person or thing.

B. Conclusion:

Romans 5:17-19 Amplified Version
17 For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) <u>death reigned</u> through that one, much more surely will <u>those who receive <God's> overflowing grace</u> (unmerited favor) and <u>the free gift of righteousness</u> <putting them into right standing with Himself<u> reign</u> as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).
18 Well then, as one man's trespass <one man's false step and falling away led> to condemnation for all men, so one Man's act of righteousness <leads> to acquittal *and* right standing with God and life for all men.
19 For just as by one man's disobedience (failing to hear, heedlessness, and carelessness) the many were constituted sinners, so by one Man's obedience the many will be constituted righteous (made acceptable to God, brought into right standing with Him).

Receive God's

1. Overflowing Grace
2. Righteousness

=Reigning in Life

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Grace is the focus

Introduction- Grace is the point

<u>Having</u> grace and understanding it causes us to live right and treat others right and worship God properly

Verb-action, definition: To lay hold of, possess it, to put it on like clothing- To be closely joined to (like marriage)a person or thing.

I. Pillar #6 (verse 5)

Illegitimate children in the church with an inferiority complex. A father's love comes with discipline. Church hoppers – Parenting with Grace. We haven't arrived yet-

Philippians 3:7-9
7 But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.
8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things *but* loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them *but* dung, that I may win Christ,
9 And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

God is the good father- "How does God discipline us? Discipline (reproof) and punishment are not synonymous." Is God judging people when tragedy happens? Does God put sickness on you to discipline you? No. we misunderstand God's discipline. Who He loves he disciplines. We will be judged one day. But now he brings us through with grace and discipline.

A. God disciplines with goodness

Romans 2:1-4
1 Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.
3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?
4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

When we understand true grace we live different and Judge others less.

B. God has already blessed you and freely given them to you.

1 Corinthians 2:9-14
9 But as it is written (Isaiah 64:4), **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.**
10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

But we must learn and grow through the Spirit of God disciplining us in our spirit.

Over half the world have not seen one page of the Bible. But they see us. We are not showing grace

It is our love for one another is how they will know we are Christians.

C. God is the good father.

Matthew 7:8-11
8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.
9 Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?
10 Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

D. Christ taught us how the church disciplines those within the church.

Matthew 18:15-17
15 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.
16 But if he will not hear *thee, then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.
17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Study: The OT illustration of Mt Sinai- Hebrews 12:22

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Sonship and Grace

Intro: **How I study a passage**

1. Find the <u>action – the Verbs</u>
2. Read through and show How I found the Pillars
3. Every verse can have many facets – It's living word (Hebrews 4:12)
4. Comment on other Pillars: 1 through 5 (lay aside weights too!!)
5. Different versions
6. Find agreement and teach in context

I. Pillar #6 Recap -Hebrews 12:5 – 11

Hebrews 12:5-11 AMP
5 And have you <completely> forgotten the divine word of appeal and encouragement in which you are reasoned with and addressed as sons? My son, do not think lightly or scorn to submit to the correction and discipline of the Lord, nor lose courage and give up and faint when you are reproved or corrected by Him;
6 For the Lord corrects and disciplines everyone whom He loves, and He punishes, even scourges, every son whom He accepts and welcomes to His heart and cherishes.
7 You must submit to and endure <correction> for discipline; God is dealing with you as with sons. For what son is there whom his father does not <thus> train and correct and discipline?
8 Now if you are exempt from correction and left without discipline in which all <of God's children> share, then you are illegitimate offspring and not true sons <at all>.
9 Moreover, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we yielded <to them> and respected <them for training us>. Shall we not much more cheerfully submit to the Father of spirits and so <truly> live?
10 For <our earthly fathers> disciplined us for only a short period of time and chastised us as seemed proper and good to them; but He disciplines us for our certain good, that we may become sharers in His own holiness.
11 For the time being no discipline brings joy, but seems grievous and painful; but afterwards it yields a peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it <a harvest of fruit which consists in righteousness—in conformity to God's will in purpose, thought, and action, resulting in right living and right standing with God>.

A. Sonship living Vs. Childishness

Romans 8:14-16
14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.
16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

(Romans 8:14) "Children of God" is *Tecknon* in Greek which means "birthed child." The word "son" in Greek is *Huios* which means matured Son who represents his father. As many as are "led" is *ago* in Greek which means reflexively led, like a reflex or that it is a natural response to be led if you are a "son." A matured "son" has grown to be led (almost like a reflex not so much out of thought) by the Holy Spirit. You don't control your reflex it just happens.

B. Sonship living is a process

Kings (Romans and others) would send their sons off to be tutored until they came back and were "received" as sons.

1. Sonship discipline

   Hebrews 12:6
   6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

2. From children to sonship

   Galatians 4:1-6
   1 Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all;
   2 But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father.
   3 Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world:
   4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,
   5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.
   6 And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

   Galatians 4:19
   19 My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you,

II. Pillar #8 make straight Paths

Hebrews 12:13 AMP
And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet <yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction>, so that the lame and halting <limbs> may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.

A. There is no substitute for Good doctrine

B. Healing in the Body because of Good Doctrine "Pray for one another that you may be healed." Body ministry "limbs" (Verse 13 amplified)

C. Jesus said Pharisees made the Word of God "no effect" because of vain traditions

Mark 7:13
13 Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye.

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Grace and good doctrine

Hebrews 12

Intro: Having Grace determines how we treat others around us and how we live

Review: (verses 5 – 11) How God disciplines #6 with Grace (how to see in context)

I. Pillar #8 Straight Paths – no substitute for Great doctrine. "good doctrine keeps one and others healthy"

Hebrews 12:13 AMP
And cut through and make firm and plain and smooth, straight paths for your feet <yes, make them safe and upright and happy paths that go in the right direction>, so that the lame and halting <limbs> may not be put out of joint, but rather may be cured.

II. Good doctrine is 5 Things

1. Straight, upright, not crooked, not hard to understand
2. A "path": a rut, like a track of a wheel, not hard to follow in. An often taken path
3. For your "feet" implying movement. Good doctrine prepares the gospel to go.

   Ephesians 6:15 "…feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace"

   Ephesians 6:15 AMP
   And having shod your feet in preparation <to face the enemy with the firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness produced by the good news> of the Gospel of peace.

4. Keeps the "lame" from being turned back

5. Brings wholeness and a cure from sin and sickness

III. The Gospel was Paul's beginning point for good doctrine to be based

A. Hebrews 13:9 "variegated" mixed colors – "divers" KJV

"Heart established with grace" not with meats.

Hebrews 13:9
9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Not with the law and the Jewish legal system of sacrifice

B. Don't mix the Gospel-Old wine in new wine skins

Luke 5:37-38
37 And no man putteth new wine into old bottles; else the new wine will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish.
38 But new wine must be put into new bottles; and both are preserved.

C. Galatians 1:6-7 another Gospel

1. Gospel= called into Grace

Galatians 1:6-7
6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

Christians were quickly removed from Paul's gospel of grace.

Definition of "gospel" here is "*a calling into the grace of Christ*."

It also means glad tidings, good tidings, good news

It is not the gospel story of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John but the message of grace. A perverted gospel causes judgmental Christians. A false gospel that mixes law and grace. A double curse for those who pervert the gospel of grace.

2. Quote from Adam Clarke *Commentary Vs 6-7*

***Verse 6. Another gospel*] It is certain that in the very earliest ages of the Christian Church there were several *spurious gospels* in circulation, and it was the multitude of these *false* or *inaccurate relations* that induced St. Luke to write his own. See Luke 1:1. We have the names of more than *seventy* of these *spurious narratives* still on record, and in ancient writers many fragments of them remain; these have been collected and published by *Fabricius*, in his account of the *apocryphal books* of the *New Testament*, 3 vols. 8vo. In some of these gospels, the necessity of circumcision, and subjection to the Mosaic law in unity with the Gospel, were strongly inculcated. And to one of these the apostle seems to refer.**

Verse 7. *Which is not another*] It is called a *gospel*, but it differs most essentially from the *authentic narratives* published by the *evangelists*. It is not *gospel*, i. e. *good tidings*, for it loads you again with the *burdens* from which the *genuine Gospel* has disencumbered you. Instead of giving you *peace, it troubles you;* instead of being a useful *supplement* to the Gospel of Christ, it *perverts* that Gospel. You have gained nothing but loss and damage by the change.[1]

3. Paul told Timothy to teach no other doctrine

1 Timothy 1:1-10
1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the commandment of God our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope;
2 Unto Timothy, my own son in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace, from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.
3 As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,
4 Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do.
5 Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned:
6 From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling;
7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.
8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;
9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

[1] Clarke, Adam, trans. *The Holy Bible with a Commentary and Critical Notes*. New Edition. Vol. 6. Bellingham, WA: Faithlife Corporation, 2014. Print.

10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

a) Timothy
- Vs 3 He refers to Ephesus. How he left timothy there and told him to "charge" some that they "Teach no other doctrine."
- Vs. 4 One they were teaching fables and genealogies
- Vs. 6 Vain Janglings or babblings
- Vs 7 Trying to teach the OT law
  - Not understanding what they are saying
  - Or what they are approving of:
    A system of bondage and condemnation

b) The Law
- Vs 9 Made for lawless and disobedient
- Not made for righteous men
- Vs 9 "made" lit. "laid out" or displayed like a sign
- It is good if it is used right
- It's for those who do not keep sound doctrine
- Vs 10 Doctrine is define by the gospel Paul was given (Gospel of Grace)

3. Overview

a) Contrast of grace and law

b) The purpose of law was for sinners

c) Teach good doctrine and people will live right

4. He takes away the first to establish the second

Hebrews 10:9
Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

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LESSON 5

Hearts Established with Grace

I. Intro: Review, Good doctrine is based on good news, the gospel that Paul preached.

Romans 1:16-17
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

A. Romans 1:16-17 The Gospel:

1. Is the power of God *unto* salvation (to becoming a Christian)
2. In it is THE (not *a*) *righteousness of God* revealed

Matthew 6:31-33
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

3. From faith to *faith*, not faith to *works*
4. The justified *lives* their lives by faith

B. By *grace* through faith are you saved

Ephesians 2:8
[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

Pillars are not always seen, but they are connected to the foundation and made out of the strongest materials- Not plastic.

II. Pillar #9 "Follow Peace with <u>ALL</u> men"

Hebrews 12:14
[14] Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hebrews 12:14 AMP
Strive to live in peace with everybody and pursue that consecration and holiness without which no one will <ever> see the Lord.

A. **Follow** = *dioko* (dee o ko) to pursue in a hostile manor, to harass, trouble, to seek after eagerly, earnestly endeavor to acquire. "To persecute after". Amplified version Is "strive, the " NIV "Make every effort," and CEB is "pursue the goal of peace"

In other words, don't stop until you get peace and pursue it earnestly with energy and spirit

B. **Peace** = *Eirene* (a ray nay) from the root to "join" or harmony, concord. Harmony has parts, different but together. We should guard against a critical spirit in the body. Examples: churches have split over where the piano goes. One man told me he was offended at where I connected my guitar battery pack-He wanted me to put it on my guitar strap and not my belt. We need to flow in grace.

Hebrews 12:11 (KJV)
[11] Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Hebrews 12:11 NIV
No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Context → **God's discipline produces peace in us that leads to a harvest of right living with God and others.**

It removes guilt (that brings peace) A child without discipline will flourish for a while but crash later. Proverbs 22:6: "Train up a child in the way *he would go* and even when he is old he will not depart from it." Dr. James Dobson once said this Scripture might mean: that if we allow a child to be trained in his way (the child's), then he would always do what he wants to in life and be selfish following his own way. This is a little different than the traditional teaching.

III. Hebrews 13:9 "heart established with grace"

Hebrews 13:9 (KJV)
9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For *it is* a good thing that the heart be *established with grace*; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

Hebrews 13:9 AMP
Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be *strengthened by grace*, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.

Doing good to others for works sake is not grace. Grace is unmerited, unearned favor. Some do good deeds to others to ease their conscious and some to make other feel guilty.

"Having grace" is marrying yourself to it, it is a part of you. We are confirmed or established with Grace. Discipline confirms and establishes the line – we then know when to give grace and when to discipline.

Remember, "It's always better to err on the side of grace" not judgement.

Example- Having pizza in Ocean City MD and the waiter was demonic and intentionally spilled a large Picher full of coke on me. I was gracious overlooking it but, he later refused to give me a drink. The argument pursued with, should we tip him or not? Is that having grace? Should we overlooking evil?

➔ **Without discipline love is not conveyed. We become permissive to ungodly and unrighteous behavior**.

Someone who is never disciplined is left to himself and has no barriers (boundaries). Actually without peace.

(Joke) Father spanking his son and says: "Son this hurts me more than you, and I'm only doing it because I love you." And the son replies, "Dad if I could only return that Love!"

A. "With all men" Greek is "with everybody" not just ones you like but <u>everybody.</u>

James 3:16-18
16 For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then *peaceable*, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
18 And the fruit of righteousness is *sown in peace* of them that make peace.

James 3:17-18 KJV "Sown in peace of them that make peace" The message Bible says: "Real wisdom…"

James 3:17-18 MESSAGE
***Real wisdom*, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and <u>is characterized by getting along with others.</u> It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results *only* if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.[2]**

B. "And holiness" Greek is *hagiasmos* (ha ge as mo's)

Consecration, sanctification, purification
Sanctification of <u>heart</u> and life

Holiness is not an article of Clothing!! It is a heart separated to God

1. The will of God is:

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 (KJV)
3 For *this is the will of God*, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

That "You should know how to possess your vessel in sanctification and honor"

Holiness is needed to be a peaceful person- a grace person.

[2] Peterson, Eugene H. *The Message: The Bible in Contemporary Language*. Colorado Springs, CO: NavPress, 2005. Print.

- **Implied:** pursue aggressively peace with others and holiness **with <u>God</u>**

  Quote: "A lack of holiness is a critical obstacle to a close relationship to God" David Guzik commentary

  We cannot see God without it. Therefore:

  a) It is attainable
  b) It becomes a requirement as a Christian

2. Sanctification of <u>the Spirit</u> is being sprinkled by the blood (like the temple ritual)

   Grace unto you and peace be multiplied! Peace is multiplied to us as we understand His way of grace!

   1 Peter 1:2
   [2] Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

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LESSON 6

Grace and Judging

I. Introduction

Pillar #9- Text:

Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)
14 Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Without PEACE and HOLINESS we cannot see the Lord.

This has been preached by early Pentecostals and modern groups, "If you don't live sinless, you cannot go to heaven."

How do we deal with others in relationship to peace and holiness? It's *how we live* not what we are wearing or how we look.

II. Jesus said if you understood mercy and grace over law and sacrifice you woukd not condemn others so quickly

Matthew 12:7 (KJV)
7 But if ye had known what *this* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the guiltless.

Some issues you can't overlook. Jesus said as a last resort put them out and treat them as unsaved.

Matthew 18:17
17 And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

Paul said don't even eat with a person in the church who openly is in sexual sins. In the church there should be more discipline.

1 Corinthians 5:11
11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no *not to eat*.

III. Shouldn't we "judge the fruit" of others?

There is no scripture that says we should judge each other "by our fruits". It says "known."

"Proper criticism to should hurt the one giving the criticism first, before it is given to another."

A. For every tree is <u>known</u> by his own fruit"

Luke 6:41-45
41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?
42 Either how canst thou say to <u>thy brother</u>, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye.
43 For a good tree <u>bringeth not forth</u> corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree <u>bring forth</u> good fruit.
44 <u>For every tree is known by his own fruit.</u> For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes.
45 A good man out of the good treasure of his heart <u>bringeth forth</u> that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart <u>bringeth forth</u> that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart <u>his mouth speaketh</u>.

Verse 37 says <u>judge not</u> and you shall not be judged. What matters is when Jesus judges us.

Verse 44 says a tree is *known* by its fruit. That fruit is known by a person's mouth.

Matthew 12:35-36
35 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart <u>bringeth forth</u> good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure <u>bringeth forth</u> evil things.
36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.
37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and <u>by thy words thou shalt be condemned</u>.

Our words show others what kind of tree we are. Some people who say they are believers are deceiving you to use you. Here is a test to know if someone is a Christian: He "hears us," and loves one another.

1 John 4:6-7
6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.

B. Let us not therefore judge one another

Romans 14:13-19
13 *Let us not therefore judge one another any more*: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in *his* brother's way.
14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that *there is* nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him *it is* unclean.
15 But if thy brother be grieved with *thy* meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.
16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:
17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.
18 For he that in these things serveth Christ *is* acceptable to God, and approved of men.
19 Let us *therefore follow after the things which make for peace*, and things wherewith one may edify another.

When we understand the kingdom of God and walk in righteousness peace and Joy life is good. Treat others well and favor will follow us.

C. Judge nothing before the time

1 Corinthians 4:3-5
3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.
4 For I know nothing by myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord.
5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

If you're a believer made righteous by the blood full of grace anybody can judge you and it won't matter. Only Christ's judgement matters.

D. Remember God's judgment is against those who judge

Romans 2:1-4
[1] Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.
[2] But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.
[3] And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?
[4] Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that <u>the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance</u>?

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LESSON 7

Grace and Holiness

Review: Hebrews 12:28 –let us have Grace

Hebrews 12:28
Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

I. Introduction- Pillar #9 Pursue Holiness

Hebrews 12:14
Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Without Holiness no man shall see God. We need to understand what true holiness is.

A. Is holiness being "sinless?" "Be ye Holy for I am Holy"-1 Peter 1:16

Quote from http://religion.wikia.com/wiki/Holiness_movement

"The Holiness movement refers to a set of beliefs and practices which emerged from 19th-century **Methodism**, and to a number of **Evangelical** **Christian** denominations, parachurch organizations, and movements which emphasize those beliefs as central doctrine.
The movement is distinguished by its emphasis on John Wesley's Christian perfection or perfection of love teaching, which is the belief that it's possible to live free of voluntary sin, and particularly by the belief that this may be accomplished instantaneously through a second work of grace.
The holiness movement seeks to promote Christianity that is personal, practical, life changing and revivalistic.

The key beliefs of the holiness movement are

(1) **regeneration** by **grace** through faith, with the assurance of **salvation** by the witness of the Holy Spirit;

(2) entire sanctification as a second definite work of grace, received by faith, through grace, and accomplished by the baptism and power of the Holy Spirit, by which one is enabled to live a **holy** life.

In the context of the holiness movement, the first work of grace is salvation from sin, and without it no amount of human effort can achieve holiness. People are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ who made **atonement** for human sins.

The second work of grace refers to a personal experience subsequent to regeneration, in which the believer is cleansed from the carnal nature, and is empowered by the Holy Spirit to lead a holy life. Most teach that it is still possible for the sanctified to sin, and one grows in grace after this second spiritual experience and should strive for perfection.

The experience of sanctification enables the believer to live a holy life. Most holiness people interpret this as living a life free of willful sin or the practice of sin. The motive is to live a Christ-like life, to be conformed to the image of Christ and not the **world**. Since holiness is the supernatural work of a transformed heart by the Holy Spirit, many holiness churches are careful to follow moral principles and what they perceive as the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Most followers of the holiness movement believe as Christ said, that love fulfills the entire **law of God**."

1 Peter 1:15-16
15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;
16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

2 Cor. 7:1-perfecting holiness. Read Amplified also.

2 Corinthians 7:1 (KJV)
Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Cor. 7:1 AMP
THEREFORE, SINCE these [great] promises are ours, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that contaminates and defiles body and spirit, and bring [our] consecration to completeness in the [reverential] fear of God.

Living above sin but not sinless. 1 Peter 1:15-16 Amplified version- holy in our conduct

1 Peter 1:15-16 AMP
But as the One Who called you is holy, you yourselves also be holy in all your conduct *and* manner of living.

16 For it is written, You shall be holy, for I am holy

B. Holiness is living a separated life that God can use.

It's not living sinless. It's living right, but with God's ability. It is living or lived by Faith.

1. Children are "sanctified" or made holy by believing parents. It does not mean they are saved from their sins or sinless.

Read in Context (verse 1 – 17)

1 Corinthians 7:14 (KJV)
For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

1 Corinthians 7:14 AMP
For the unbelieving husband is set apart (separated, withdrawn from heathen contamination, and affiliated with the Christian people) by union with his consecrated (set-apart) wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart *and* separated through union with her consecrated husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean (unblessed heathen, [z]outside the Christian covenant), but as it is they are prepared for God [pure and clean].
15 But if the unbelieving partner [actually] leaves, let him do so; in such [cases the remaining] brother or sister is not morally bound. But God has called us to peace.
16 For, wife, how can you be sure of converting *and* saving your husband? Husband, how can you be sure of converting *and* saving your wife?
17 Only, let each one [seek to conduct himself and regulate his affairs so as to] lead the life which the Lord has allotted *and* imparted to him and to which God has invited *and* summoned him. This is my order in all the churches.

2. Food is made "holy" when we pray over it.

1 Timothy 4:1-5
1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;
2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;
3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

[z] Robert Jamieson, A.R. Fausset and David Brown, *A Commentary on the Old and New Testaments*.

4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:
5 For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer. (Intercession)

Food is separated for use by God's word and our intercessory prayer. It is not made SINLESS. True holiness is the *product* or the *fruit* of being made right by the Blood of Jesus. Mark 16:15-18 says "no deadly thing" if eaten will harm us if we pray and sanctify our food.

Righteousness is a gift from God not earned: Good works don't make us holy or sanctify us, they are the "fruit" of a holy person.

Romans 5:17-18
17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)
18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

1 Peter 1:2
2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

3. Ritualistic washings made utensils and priest "holy" in the inner court of the Temple.

Hebrews 9:10
10 *Which stood* only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed *on them* until the time of reformation.

Washing of regeneration – 1st bath-Ephesians shows a 2nd bath

Titus 3:5
5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;
Ephesians 5:25-28
25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.
28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

Washing each other's feet like Jesus did is representative of us serving one another. He essentially said to Peter, "I'm washing you by serving you, and you should do the same to others."

John 13:14-15
14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.
15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

II. Holiness is living right

A. Possess your own vessel in holiness

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7
3 For this is the will of God, *even* your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:
4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;
5 Not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God:
6 That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.
7 For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

B. Purge himself… Sanctified and meet for the master's use.

2 Timothy 2:20-21
20 But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.
21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, *and* prepared unto every good work.

C. The process of entering the Holy of Holy's

Hebrews 10:19-24
19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;
22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)
24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:

III. Grace teaches us to be holy. If Holiness is not lived by grace it is just works

Titus 2:7-12
7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.
9 *Exhort* servants to be obedient unto their own masters, *and* to please *them* well in all *things*; not answering again;
10 Not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.
11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,
12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

The process of being holy is by grace and the work of Christ teaches us to live separated lives.

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LESSON 8

Grace and Law

Hebrews 12:14

Follow peace with all *men*, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Intro: Having Grace determines how we treat others around us and how we live.

This Chapter deals with how we treat others who persecute us, how we treat one another, and how we should live a life of grace.

Review: #9 -If holiness is not lived by grace it's just works. Holiness is living right empowered with God's gift of grace.

I. Def: What is Grace? = "unmerited favor" Undeserved, unearned, Favor of God

Favor brings blessings. Do you believe you are favored? If we have a conscience that says God is mean and always looking for something to judge us with, we cannot be blessed. He is our Father, we are His children. If our conscience still hinders us from God's presence then we might not understand grace. Dead works is the ideal that we think we have something to do with obtaining our salvation and that our works merit getting salvation or to be kept saved. It is Christ blood that paid the price for our conscience to be cleansed from thinking we can work our way to salvation. It is wholly contrary to the gospel Paul preached. Full assurance comes when we have our "Evil conscience" purged-Hebrews 10: 22. Hebrews 9:13-14- Says it is *by the blood* that our conscience is purged. We run *from* sin when we understand grace.

A. An evil conscience is one that is trained to think about God the wrong way

The conscience is part of the soul of man-Mind, will, and emotion.

Hebrews 10:22

22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

B. Dead works is working to save yourself

Hebrews 9:13-15 NASB
[13] For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,
[14] 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?
[15] For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.[3]

C. Baptism is the beginning of good conscience

1 Peter 3:21
[21] The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:

The person who is still in dead works is someone who is still conscience of sin. He does not understand that God has dealt with the *noun* called sin and its penalty once and for all for those who accept His sacrifice. God wants to remove your evil conscience of sinfulness. Sinning as a verb is something a believer must repent of and grow and stop doing, but it will never jeopardize his assurance of eternal life. The price has been paid and there is no double jeopardy for the believer who has put his full trust in Christ. God does not take back what has been eternally and *forever* given to those He redeemed. There are consequences of a believer sinning but it is not eternal hell. This is the gospel of grace.

II. The process of the Gospel- (Hebrews Chapter 10 Part one) Vs 1-24

1. The Law could not make people perfect, or whole or finished

   Hebrews 10:1
   For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

2. The Law could not purge the conscience of sin forever- “no more” They were covered not washed.

[3] *New American Standard Bible: 1995 Update*. LaHabra, CA: The Lockman Foundation, 1995. Print.

Hebrews 10:2
For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers <u>once purged should have had no more conscience of sins</u>.

3. The process could not *take away* sins

Hebrews 10:3-4
3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year.
4 For *it is* <u>not possible</u> that the blood of bulls and of goats should <u>take away sins.</u>

Hosea 6:6
6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

4. He takes away the "first" way to "establish" the second

Hebrews 10:8-9
8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law;
9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.

5. By the new way through the blood we are "sanctified," made holy forever "once for all"

Hebrews 10:10
By the which will <u>we are sanctified</u> through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ <u>once *for all*</u>.

6. By one sacrifice He takes away sins or its punishment forever

Hebrews 10:11-12
11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins:
12 But this man, after he had offered <u>one sacrifice for sins for ever</u>, sat down on the right hand of God;

7. By one offering he "perfected" forever, those who he already made "holy"

Hebrews 10:13-14
13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.
14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

8. This new covenant has laws written in our hearts and minds, and our sins (past and future) and iniquities will never be remembered again. He takes away the guilt of sinfulness and allows us to be close to him.

Hebrews 10:15-18
15 *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,
16 This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;
17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.
18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

(Or He doesn't have to die every time you sin now as a Christian, your sinning has been dealt with forever even in the future, so stop sinning now for your own good.)

9. This new way gives us the right and boldness to go into God's holy of holies ourselves in true worship and this includes our hearts to be purged from an evil conscience and our "bodies" (carnal nature) washed with "pure" water. Now that's favor!

Hebrews 10:19-23
19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
21 And *having* an high priest over the house of God;
22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.
23 Let us hold fast the profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

Don't be *two-minded.*

James 1:6-8
6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.
7 For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.
8 A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

10. Now we fellowship and provoke one another to live right

Hebrews 10:24-25
[24] And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works:
[25] Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

III. Apostates- Hebrews Chapter 10 part 2 (Vs 26-39)

Hebrews 10:26
[26] For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins,

1. Based off of this verse *out of context*, any Christian who sin just one sin willfully after receiving Jesus is doomed to hell because there is no more sacrifice to cover that sin, even if he repents of it. This cannot be the understanding of this verse. Paul never says this about Christians he addresses about sinning in other passages.

2. Reading the rest of the verses you realize that the *sin* he is referring to is *apostasy*. Which is one who draws back and leaves the faith forever, despite the spirit of grace, NOT a backslider. Paul warns of this very sternly. A true apostate falls under future judgement by God, Scripture says because "He draws back unto perdition," which means *ruin* and *destruction*. (see also Hebrews 6:4-6 hypothetical statement) Note it does not say directly he goes to hell anywhere in these passages. It does say he falls under the same kind of judgment of the enemies of God.

Hebrews 10:27-39
[27] But a certain fearful looking for <u>of judgment</u> and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries.
[28] He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses:
[29] Of how much <u>sorer punishment</u>, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith <u>he was sanctified</u>, an unholy thing, and hath done <u>despite unto the Spirit of grace</u>?
[30] For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, <u>The Lord shall judge his people</u>.
[31] *It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.
[32] But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were illuminated, ye endured a great fight of afflictions;
[33] Partly, whilst ye were made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, whilst ye became companions of them that were so used.

34 For ye had compassion of me in my bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your goods, knowing in yourselves that ye have in heaven a better and an enduring substance.
35 Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.
36 For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.
37 For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.
38 Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.
39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

3. Therefore Vs. 26 must not be referring to the everyday Christian sinning and missing the mark as one expects newborn Christians to do. Paul says "don't cast away your confidence" in the walk of faith.

IV. Pillar #10 (Hebrews 12:15-17) Look after others in your midst who fall short of, or lack the Grace of God, stopping potential roots of bitterness that can defile many others.

Hebrews 12:15-17
15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble *you*, and thereby many be defiled;
16 Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.
17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Look after others in our midst who fall short of giving the grace of God to one another. Are we our brother's keeper? Cain said this to God after murdering Able.

A. Looking diligently- definition= to look carefully, inspect, oversee

Why? Least ANY man fails of the grace of God. A sure sign of disease in Body of Christ – Lacking Grace. Watching where grace is not applied. The offended are bitter and cause more hurt. A real fellowship is one where the blood flows through each other's words and deeds.

B. Two Understandings here:

1. About salvation: Watching for those who sin and fail God and are possibly on their way to hell. (backsliders) or:
2. Not about salvation: Watching for believers and sinners who fail to have grace for others in the church and relationships, (The better understanding explained by Esau analogy.) Esau lost his birthright because of his stupidity. We should help others not make this mistake. He lost his birthright not his sonship. He never stopped being a son. Much like the New Testament prodigal son.

NOTES:

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LESSON 9

Looking after those who fail Grace

Review:

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Second part of Chapter 10 is about apostasy.

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2. Watching for believers and sinners who fail to have grace for others in the church and relationships, (The better understanding explained by Esau analogy.) **Esau gave away his birthright because of his stupidity. The firstborn got ½ of all his father's house. The rest was split evenly among the rest of the brothers. Esau could never get back his inheritance even with repentance and tears.**

We should help others not make this mistake. When we fail at grace those in the world might be lost forever. My sister was almost one of those because someone made fun of her dress. She vowed never to go to church again.

"If we allow a hypocrite to stand in our way that means they are that much closer to God than we are."

II. <u>Because:</u> When grace is taught or lived wrong:

A. 4 things can happen:

1. A "root of bitterness" comes that gradually causes trouble in the church

2. "Many are defiled". Christians and unbelievers- wrong ideals about God. Some of the lost will never give God another chance.

3. Sexual Vices are symptomatic of a lack of grace. The Greek word for "fornicator" is *Pornos*= male prostitute. Amplified Bible says "sexual vice."

4. "Profane" will increase like it did with Esau, giving up his Birthright. The Greek word literally means "to cross the threshold," irreverent, heathenistic.

2 Timothy 2:16 (KJV)
16 But shun <u>profane</u> *and* vain babblings: for <u>they will increase</u> unto more ungodliness.

People live by what their desires are. They are carnal like Esau.

Note: If this analogy is about someone backsliding, then it means they can never be saved or repent to get saved. Correctly interpreted this analogy explains that believers may fail at grace and <u>later their circumstances are unfixable</u>, even if they were repentant later. Lost blessings. Esau gave up his very birthright, (not his salvation-he

was still a son) representing his blessing. He lost favor and position. Therefore he lost his inherited blessing. (vs. 17)

Bitterness has terrible consequences. Sexual vices cause irreparable damage. Those who misunderstand grace and think that they keep themselves saved by works become subject to various sins. When the Law revives so does sin in their lives. They hide them. Esau could not repent to get it back. He lost his "oldest son's" blessing. While those today who are saved fail and sin they don't lose their salvation, but are like Esau give up their confidence and conscience, likened to losing their birthright. They do not live like sons anymore and it effects their whole lifestyle.

III. The prodigal son-Luke 15 - How God deals with the lost.

Luke 15:11-13
11 And he said, A certain man had two sons:
12 And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth *to me*. And he divided unto them *his* living.
13 And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living.

Luke 15:17-19
17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.

A. Two kinds of sons, one who works hard and one who receives everything without earning it.

Grace vs Law. God parties when one comes home. That's grace. The other brother was jealous and thought his father was wrong for celebrating. Remember this is about Israel and the Church.

B. Grace is a gift

He had worked hard. Salvation starts with Grace and our lives are to be "lived by faith through Grace"- Romans 5:2, Ephesians 2:8

Romans 5:2
[2] By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Ephesians 2:8
[8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

IV. (Galatians 1:6-7) "Some have perverted the Gospel" No foundation of grace in church – causes people to be judgmental and legalistic.

Galatians 1:6-8
[6] I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:
[7] Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
[8] But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

Galatians 1:7 (AMP)
[7] Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel], but there are [obviously] some who are troubling *and* disturbing *and* bewildering you [with a different kind of teaching which they offer as a gospel] and want to pervert *and* distort the Gospel of Christ (the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].

V. How do we deal with these? Galatians 6:1-2 in the spirit of meekness with grace fulfilling the LAW of Christ

A. Fulfill the law of Christ- bear one another's weight of problems

Galatians 6:1-2
[1] Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.
[2] Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

B. Be gentile, teaching those that oppose themselves (evil conscience) so they may recover themselves out.

2 Timothy 2:24-26
[24] And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all *men*, apt to teach, patient,
[25] In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;
[26] And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

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LESSON 10

Grace vs. the Law

Review: Pillar #10- Fallen from Grace

Galatians 5:1-5

1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.
2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.
3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law.
4 Christ is become <u>of no effect</u> unto you, whosoever of you are <u>justified by the law</u>; ye are <u>fallen from grace</u>.
5 For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Fallen from grace here in this passage does not mean they are going to hell. It means we live by the law and cut of the effect of "Christ" for us. The blessing that come with our Christianity. The power of the cross.

Matthew 15:3-6

3 But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?
4 For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death.
5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to *his* father or *his* mother, *It is* a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me;
6 And honour not his father or his mother, *he shall be free*. <u>Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition.</u>

Falling from grace. Trying to be righteous by what we do.

Introduction: Hebrews 12:18-24- This passage takes us from looking after one another and the statement that we don't want to go back to the law again, to: we better listen to the Lord carefully about grace.

Hebrews 12:18-21

18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,
19 And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which *voice* they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:
20 (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart:
21 And so terrible was the sight, *that* Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)

I. Hebrews 12:18- 21 -A look at the old way (law)

A. We are not at Mount Sinai where the Law was given.

1. Can be touched- Its attributes deal with the physical nature- The flesh
2. Burned with fire-scary and frightening
3. Blackness, darkness, and tempest- doom, blinding night darkness, and a blowing raging storm. Like a cyclone
4. To a loud booming trumpet sound- vs. 19
5. To a spoken voice so mighty that it made people beg for it to stop (Amplified)

   Hebrews 12:19
   And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard intreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more:

   Hebrews 12:19 AMP
   And to the blast of a trumpet and a voice whose words make the listeners beg that nothing more be said to them.

6. The command to be holy was too great to keep- even animals were included- Vs. 20
7. The visual was so terrifying that even Moses said he was trembling with fear- Vs. 21

B. It is inferred that we have left this place (The law)

II. A look at the new way- (Grace) with 7 witnesses

Hebrews 12:22-24
22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,
23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.

A. Seven witnesses

1. We have come to Mount Zion- the mountain of grace- Vs.22,

   And are seated with Christ

   Psalm 2:1-6
   1 Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
   2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
   3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.
   4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.
   5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.
   6 Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion.

   Ephesians 2:5-7
   5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
   6 And hath raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus:
   7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in *his* kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

   a. Called the "city of the living God"

   b. "The heavenly Jerusalem"

2. Vs 22 To an innumerable company of Angels-

   Hebrews 12:1
   1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,

3. The general assembly- <u>the church</u> of the firstborn- Vs. 23

   "Israel is my firstborn" but this speaks of Christ as the firstborn.

   Exodus 4:22
   And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel *is* my son, *even* my firstborn:

   Colossians 1:18 (KJV)
   18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence.

4. To God- the judge of all
5. To the "<u>spirits</u> of just men made perfect"
   a. Interpretations- To the Holy Spirit who perfects Justified men
   b. "The spirits of perfected just men"- Present tense in Greek, ie. Born again saints as in Hebrews 10:14

      Hebrews 10:14
      For by one offering he hath perfected <u>for ever</u> them that are sanctified.

   c. Dead saints perfected in heaven or future resurrected saints
   d. Great theologians- argued over perfection being future or present
6. To Jesus: The mediator of the new covenant- Vs.24
7. To <u>the blood</u> of sprinkling- better than Abel speaks of: Jesus blood speaks louder and more powerful.

B. One commentary listed it this way- The Pulpit Commentary[4]

The Old Covenant.	*The New Covenant*
Sinai, a palpable earthly mountain, surrounded by gloom and storm.	Zion, radiant with light and crowned with the city of God.

[4] Spence-Jones, H. D. M., ed. *Hebrews*. London; New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company, 1909. Print. The Pulpit Commentary.

The angels through whom the Law was given (cf. ch. 2:2; Gal. 3:19; Acts 7:53; Deut. 23:2), unseen by men, but operating in the winds and in the fire (cf. ch. 1:7).	Festal choirs of assembled angels.
Israel congregated under the mountain, afraid, and forbidden to touch it.	The accepted Church of the Firstborn, with free approach to the holiest of all.
The LORD, unapproachable, shrouded in darkness or revealed in fire.	The Judge of all, without his terrors, accessible, and awarding rest to the perfected.
Moses, himself afraid, and winning through his mediation no access for the people.	The Divine availing Mediator.
The blood sprinkled on the people to ratify the old covenant, but which could not cleanse the conscience.	The ever-cleansing blood of complete atonement.
The sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, inspiring fear.	The voice of that cleansing blood, speaking of peace and pardon.

III. Two Covenants contrasted- two mounts, two mothers, two sons

Galatians 4:21-31
21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law?
22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.
23 But he *who was* of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; (Ismael) but he of the freewoman *was* by promise. (Isaac)
24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which gendereth to bondage, which is Agar.
25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children. (Arabs, Muslims)
26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.
27 For it is written, Rejoice, *thou* barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: for the desolate hath many more children than she which hath an husband.
28 Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise.
29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him *that was born* after the Spirit, even so *it is* now.
30 Nevertheless what saith the scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son: for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.
31 So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman, but of the free.

A. Two covenants

Old Covenant-3000 died at Sinai, the giving of the law–

New Covenant-3000 saved at Pentecost, the giving of the Spirit-

Old-The law demanded righteousness

New-Grace provided righteousness

Old-The sin offering only covered their sins

New-The blood of Jesus washes a believer clean

B. Legalist will always persecute those of grace

IV. Pillar #11 Listen to what God is speaking to you now.

Hebrews 12:25 (KJV)
25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:

Why all the talk about Moses at Sinai?
God wants to get close to us to be our father and speak to us like children, not like Israelites at Sinai = Law/vs. Zion = Grace ----- Intimacy- with Abba Father.

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LESSON 11

Grace vs. the Law part 2

I. Review: Galatians 4:21-31 Two Covenants contrasted- two mounts, two mothers, two sons

Galatians 4:21-31 (HCSB)
21 Tell me, those of you who want to be under the law, don't you hear the law?
22 For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave and the other by a free woman.
23 But the one by the slave was born according to [the impulse of] the flesh, while the one by the free woman was born as the result of a promise.
24 These things are illustrations, for the women represent the two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai and bears children into slavery—this is Hagar.
25 Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children.
26 But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother.
27 For it is written: Rejoice, childless woman, who does not give birth. Burst into [song] and shout, you who are not in labor, for the children of the desolate are many, more numerous than those of the woman who has a husband.
28 Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise.
29 But just as then the child born according to the flesh persecuted the one born according to the Spirit, so also now.
30 But what does the Scripture say? Drive out the slave and her son, for the son of the slave will never be a coheir with the son of the free woman.
31 Therefore, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

A. Legalist today always persecute those who teach grace- My understanding of grace has changed

1 Corinthians 15:56
The sting of death *is* sin; and the strength of sin *is* the law.

Galatians 5:1
Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

B. Contrast

3000 died at Sinai, the giving of the law–

3000 saved at Pentecost, the giving of the Spirit-

The law demanded righteousness

Grace provided righteousness

The sin offering only covered their sins

The blood of Jesus washes a believer clean

C. God said to Abraham, Cast out the bondwomen (Law with false gospel of legalism) with her son

The lesson of the law was that we cannot live it and that we need grace.

Why all the talk about Moses at Sinai?

God wants to get close to us to be our father and speak to us like children, not like Israelites at Sinai = Law/ Zion = Grace

Intimacy- Abba Father

II. Pillar #11 Listen to what God is speaking to you now.

Hebrews 12:25-27
25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:
26 Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven.
27 And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.

A. Whose voice shook the earth- At the giving of the law

B. A future promise to shake the heavens (Quoting Haggai 2:6)

Haggai 2:6-7
6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it *is* a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*;
7 And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts.

C. The shaking of the past, present and future removes old covenant ways and law, and grace remains.

III. Pillar #12 let us have grace so we might serve God properly

Hebrews 12:28-29
28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
29 For our God *is* a consuming fire.

A. We are receiving a kingdom that cannot be removed- Revelation 11:15, Zech. 14:4-5, Daniel 7:27

Revelation 11:15
And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

Zechariah 14:4-5
4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.
Daniel 7:27
27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom *is* an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

B. Vs. 28-29 Let us have grace so:

1. We can serve God with reverence

2. We can serve God with godly fear

C. God is a consuming fire- He demands Grace. Doing anything outside of grace is against God's way

IV. What have we learned?

A. 12 Pillars from Hebrews 12

v.1 1. We are surrounded by witnesses

v.1 2. We should strip off and lay aside the sin that affects us.

v.1 3. Run with patience the race set before us

v.2 4. Look away from distractions to Jesus who started and will finish the work in us

v.3 5. Think about what Jesus has done and don't grow weary in our struggles

v.5 6. Submit to correction and discipline of the Lord

v.12 7. Be encouraged and show it by lifting up relaxed hands and straighten paralyzed knees (stand up for what you believe)

v.13 8. Make firm and straight tracks for our feet so we and others might stay healthy- Good doctrine

v.14 9. Work hard to keep peace with everybody and pursue holiness

v.15 10. Look after others in our midst who fall short of or lack the Grace of God, stopping potential roots of bitterness that can defile many

v.25 11. Listen to what God is speaking to you now (get your head out of old covenant)

v.28 12. Let us have Grace (JKV) so we might serve God properly

B. Personal lessons

1. Each of us deal with sin as Christians. If we fall out of God's grace he still loves us and continues to seek to free us. Because of this we lose out on his blessings.
2. Jesus eternally paid in full the penalty for sin- God's grace is not fickle
3. The gospel of Grace is the beginning of good doctrine, and includes sonship relationship with God that includes discipline
4. Having grace teaches us to live at peace with all men and not to judge them
5. We should be responsible to one another and help them with grace
6. Grace is a greater covenant than the law which is based on works
7. Because of grace we live better lives and don't want to sin.

It seems we hold Christians to perfection and condemn them as they fail, instead of giving loving grace and restore each other.

V. "I will NEVER leave you"- He didn't say I won't leave you IF…. Amplified version says "I will not, not, not in any degree…."

Hebrews 13:5
***Let your* conversation *be* without covetousness; *and be* content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**

Hebrews 13:5 AMP
Let your character *or* moral disposition be free from love of money <including greed, avarice, lust, and craving for earthly possessions> and be satisfied with your present <circumstances and with what you have>; for He <God> Himself has said, I will not in any way fail you *nor* give you up *nor* leave you without support. <I will> not, <I will> not, <I will> not in any degree leave you helpless *nor* forsake *nor* let <you> down (relax My hold on you)! <Assuredly not!>

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STUDY: Having Grace

LESSON 12

Are you shaken?

Text:

Hebrews 12:25-29
[24] And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of* Abel.
[25] See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. *(the voice of grace)* For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more *shall not* we *escape*, if we turn away from him that *speaketh* from heaven:
[26] Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven. *(the Spiritual realms)*
[27] And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are *(man)* made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain.
[28] Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:
[29] For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Hebrews 12: 24-29: Are you listening to the voice of grace that shakes everything that is man-made, Are you fearful, or are you faithful? The voice of grace that speaks to us is of better things is based on better blood than Abel's. Your foundation is GRACE. We can always expect good things IF we stay with grace. In verse 28 the word "Have" is in the subjunctive mood in Greek and means that: some will and some won't. We live by faith.

Things will be shaken in these last day and it might not work out like you would like it to, especially in these United States. Our country's views are changing about Israel and God.

I. When a nation is righteous…

A. Righteousness exalts

Proverbs 14:34
Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.

B. The city is exalted

Proverbs 11:11
By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.

C. In you (the nation of Israel) shall all the families of the earth be blessed

Genesis 12:1-3
Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
2. And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

D. A people unto thee forever- We all will live there one day

II Samuel 7:21-24
For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all these great things, to make thy servant know them.
22 Wherefore thou art great, O LORD God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears.
23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods?
24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

II. An argument by a Muslim by Ruslan Tokhchukov (Seattle Post)

"I am ashamed to be a Muslim ... again. I am originally from a Muslim minority in Russia and I was never quite as ashamed of the Soviet Union, which I left as an anti-Communist emigrant long ago, as I am of the Muslim world that makes even the USSR look free and civilized….

No, Mohamad, the Jews do not "take over" the most powerful countries in the world. They help those countries that welcome them to become powerful and successful.

One hundred years ago, 1 million Jews fled from Tsarist Russia to the United States after a wave of pogrom atrocities. Russia's loss was the United States' gain. The Russian Empire had violently collapsed in just a decade and the United States, which entered the 20th century as a third-rate power, emerged from it as the world's unchallenged superpower.

Let's ponder the fate of all once-powerful enemies of the Jewish people: the Pharaohs of Egypt, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Roman Empire, the Byzantine Empire, the Inquisitor Spain, the Russian Tsarist Empire, the Nazi Reich. Did any one of them not suffer a brutal end?

In the Christians' Bible, there's a part about God cursing those who curse the Jewish people and the entire world history seems to confirm it. Now, whether you are Christian or not, whether you are religious or not, whether you call it God's law or the law of history, you have to agree that not one nation that persecuted Jews had escaped very bad consequences. I don't think this law has an exception for the Arabs or any other Muslims."[5]

III. The majority is not always right- think of Israel asking for a king, Saul

A. I will shake my hand among them

Zechariah 2:6-10
6 Ho, ho, *come forth*, and flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD.
7 Deliver thyself, O Zion, that dwellest *with* the daughter of Babylon.
8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.
9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.
10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD.

B. All living Israel shall be saved (2/3 cut off during tribulation)

Romans 11:25-29
25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:
27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.
28 As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, *they*

[5] https://www.seattlepi.com/local/opinion/article/Our-Place-in-the-World-Road-map-leads-to-darkness-1129698.php

are beloved for the fathers' sakes.
29 For the gifts and calling of God _are_ without repentance.

C. Wisdom from Daniel

Daniel 2:3-5
3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream.
4 Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation.
5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

Daniel 2:20-23
20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:
21 And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding:
22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what _is_ in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.
23 I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast _now_ made known unto us the king's matter.

IV. Living by Faith- when we trust in God we have favor. Grace

Habakkuk 2:4
Behold, his soul _which_ is lifted up is not upright in him: but the just shall live by his faith.
Romans 1:16-17
16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.
17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 2:20-21
20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness _come_ by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:11
11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, _it is_ evident: for, The just shall live by faith. But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by

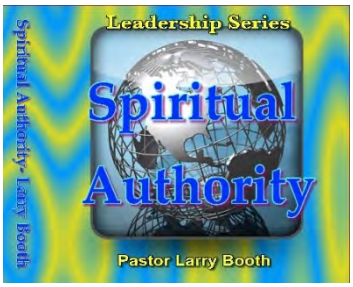
faith.
12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree:
14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

My faith is not shaken, don't give up your blessing because it was grace that gave it to you.

IV. The majority is not always right

In 1844 a medical doctor named Ignas Phillip Semmelweis, who was assistant director at the Vienna Maternity Hospital, suggested to the doctors that the high rate of death of patients and new babies was due to the fact that the doctors attending them were carrying infections from the diseased and dead people whom they had previously touched. Semmelweis ordered doctors to wash their hands with soap and water and rinse them in a strong chemical before examining their patients. He tried to get doctors to wear clean clothes and he battled for clean wards. However, the majority of doctors disagreed with Semmelweis and they deliberately disobeyed his orders. In the late nineteenth century, on the basis of the work by Semmelweis, Joseph Lister began soaking surgery instruments, the operating table, his hands, and the patients with carbolic acid. The results were astonishing. What was previously risky surgery now became routine. However, the majority of doctors criticized his work also. Today we know that Lister and Semmelweis were right; the majority of doctors in their day were wrong. Just because the majority believe one thing does not necessarily mean it is true.

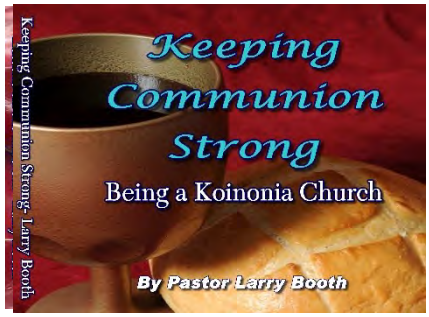
Series by Pastor Larry Booth



1. Spiritual Authority- The basis for leadership (11 Lessons)

   This is an older series for leaders I preached some time ago and needs to be updated. Some of this comes from Watchmen Nee's book on spiritual Authority and teaches levels of authority delegated by God in the church. To have authority we must be under authority. NO STUDY GUIDE

2. Lessons on the Blood-

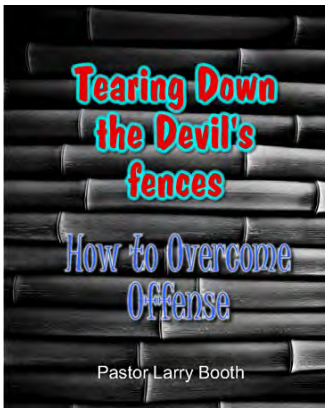


   "There is life in the blood... Through the precious blood of Jesus we have access to the very throne of God... A better way with better promises! We need to unlock the power of Jesus blood shed for all the world!" This set of classic messages was preached years ago after pastor Larry spent many years of studying the Blood covenant in Scriptures. In the church, the body of Christ, the blood flows through the veins of love bringing LIFE to all its parts. One of the ways we are changed into His image is through each other's words. We must declare the effective work of the blood on our behalf. NO STUDY GUIDE-Lessons

3. Keeping Communion Strong- Being a Koinonia church (4 Lessons)

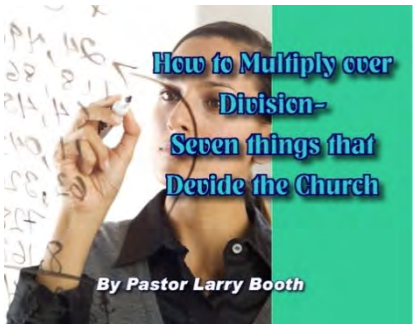
   What is missing in our modern churches today? In many churches the symbolism of Communion is practiced but the spiritual act of Koinonia or fellowship is missing. This series teaches about true communion principles and how to enact them in our churches. We must be a people connected together by the blood of Jesus and true fellowship. Just joining the church does not cause this process to happen. I John 1:1-7 teaches that Koinonia is communion of life to one another in the body of Christ healing it's parts. Study with Pastor Larry as he follows the path of fellowship in Scripture and be blessed along the way!

4. Overcoming Offence- Tearing down the Devil's fences (11 Lessons)



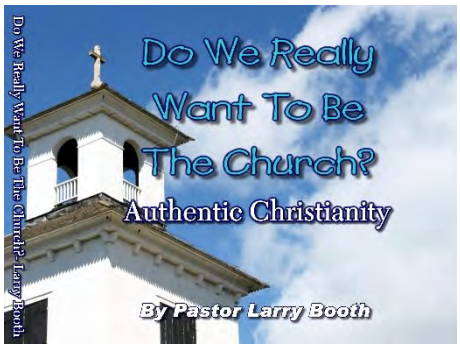
   Song of Solomon 2:15 declares that it is the little foxes that spoil the vine because the vines have tender grapes. Offence is a word that the church is familiar with. The effects of this one word has literally destroyed churches, nations, kingdoms, and families. Offences are the fences we allow the Devil to build around us. We as a church must learn to not be so "tender" that we are offended so easily, and be ready to forgive each other as Christ has commanded us. Join with Pastor Larry as he teaches the Biblical path to overcoming offence.

5. How to Multiply over Division- 7 Things that divide the church (4 Lessons)



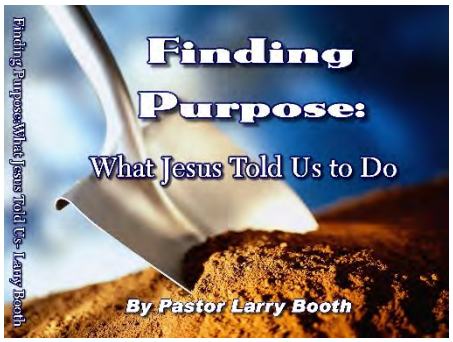
Matthew 12:25 says that every Kingdom, city, or house divided against itself cannot stand. How does God look at division? The very word means "Two-visions" or double sighted. Are there times when God uses division in our lives? Are there Biblical instances when He did? Take a look at seven things that divide and choose for yourself. This study will challenge you to move beyond division and use it for good to multiply God's blessings in your life.

6. Do We Really Want To Be The Church? Authentic Christianity (7 Lessons)



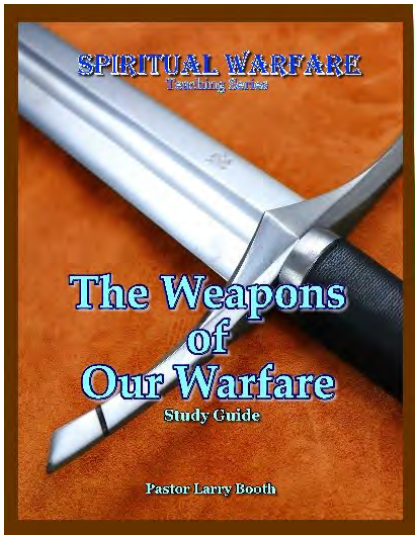
Matthew 16:18 says "... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." God has declared that not even hell itself will ever prevail against the church of Jesus Christ. So why are we such a lousy example of it? This series is a collection of messages that relate to authentic Christianity. Titles such as: "I will accept no Bull," and "How not to become Roadkill," and "Confessing Christ Out loud," gives us a clue to what Pastor Larry teaches in this series. There is real religion, but God wants relationship. Pastor Larry states, "Dead religion is the practice of church without God's presence." Relationship is what brings God's presence into the church.

7. Finding Purpose-What Jesus told us to do (4 Lessons)



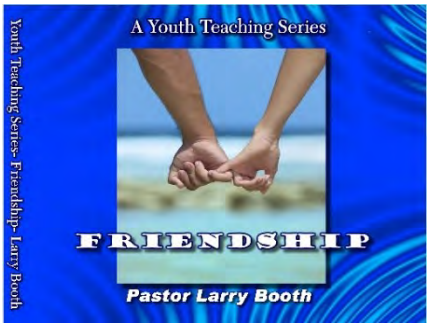
Exodus 13:17 in the Amplified Bible says, "When Pharaoh let the people go, God led them not by way of the land of the Philistines, although that was nearer; for God said, lest the people change their purpose when they see war and return to Egypt." God has created a purpose for all of us. There is a plan for the church of God already outlined in Scripture. This series takes a look at those purposes. It will challenge the believers to step out of their comfort zones and to continue the work that Jesus begun on Earth. We can discover our purpose, even after we have failed and lost it. Join with Pastor Larry in this series in finding God's purpose for the church and the individual in Christ!

8. The Weapons of Our Warfare-Teaching the Church to fight the good warfare (25 Lessons- FULL STUDY GUIDE)



2 Corinthians 10:4-6 In the Amplified Bible it says "For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One), Being in readiness to punish every [insubordinate for his] disobedience, when your own submission and obedience [as a church] are fully secured and complete." It is when the church finally submits and obeys the Lord fully, that it finds itself in full battle with Satan. There are mighty weapons available to us to fight the good fight. Join with Pastor Larry in this study of the weapons of warfare that have been given to the church for the "overthrow and destruction of strongholds."- INCLUDES FULL STUDY GUIDE

9. Friendship- Building proper relationships



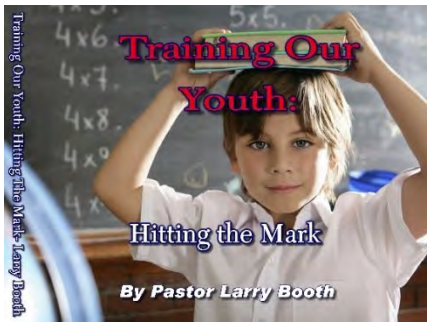
James 4:4 says, "... Whoever chooses to be a friend with the world takes his stand as an enemy of God." God didn't say for believers to hermit themselves away from the world, but He did say that we are not to *associate* with them. There is a difference, He said we should not make them our friends or our companions. 1 Corinthians 15:33 says, "Evil communications corrupt good manners." God is very interested in who we commune with, and who we give our hearts to. We are even told not to associate with believers who have chosen to follow ungodliness- 1 Corinthians 5:9. In this series Pastor Larry looks into some of the practical aspects of building proper relationships with peers, and some of the pitfalls that we should steer around. These messages were preached to youth and are sure to be a blessing to you as you look at this important issue of FRIENDSHIP.

10. Growing up Spiritual- Lessons on growing up as children of God

Pastor Larry declares, "It's time we stop acting like babies and grow up, and begin to walk into our place as sons of God... Formula's are for babies, but the leading of the Spirit is for believers who are mature in their walk with God." The Word of God commands us to "Walk as He walked," and as we look more into the mirror of the Word, we will more and more look and act as He did. We need to be

mature agents of God's love in this world. Join Pastor Larry in this study into growing up as mature Christians and entering the deeper walk.

11. Training our Youth/Hitting the Mark- Raising Godly Children (3 Lessons)



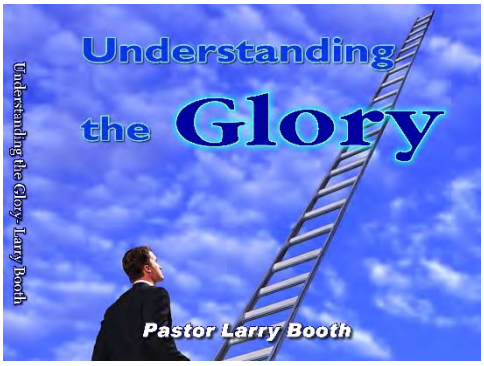
Psalms 127:1-4 says "Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman wakes but in vain... Lo, children are a heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth." The Bible proclaims, "as arrows are," meaning that our youth given the proper training, can become weapons of war against the Devil. As parents, we must raise them in the Lord. The Scriptures also teach that our youth can be the example of the believers. Enjoy this teaching with Pastor Larry as he touches on hitting our mark, by raising up Godly children unto the Lord. The Bible is full of practical wisdom for our

youth today.

12. The Acts of Revival-How to get on fire (Youth series)

Somebody speaking of revival once said, "Get on fire and they will come to watch you burn." How true this is! Another person said, "You don't have to advertise a fire." If we would return to our first love and seek out God's presence, our efforts to evangelize would be much more productive. In a world that thrives on excitement and carnality, we suppose they will just come running to our churches to hear our 1700's hymns and see our stained glass windows. How we are missing it! God wants to be the center of our excitement in our churches. He longs to be sought after and found among His people. It's time we realize that some changes need to be made, we need God's fire more than ever. It's time He comes to clean the church so that we may represent His heart to a lost and dying world. This series was preached in different settings with different audiences, and will challenge you to renew your walk with the Lord.

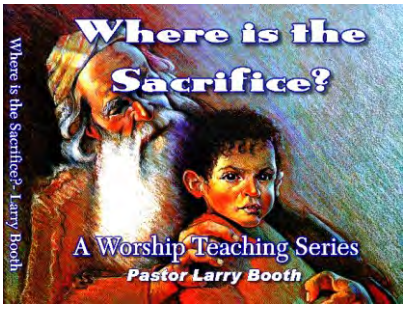
13. Understanding the Glory-Classic sermons on the Glory



This set of classic messages was preached years ago after pastor Larry spent many years of studying the Glory in Scriptures. The glory of God is literally God's tangible presence. It is His Spirit, according to Romans. Nothing in itself is glorious except the Spirit of God exist in it. The earth has a glorious appearance because God has declared that even his handy work would show

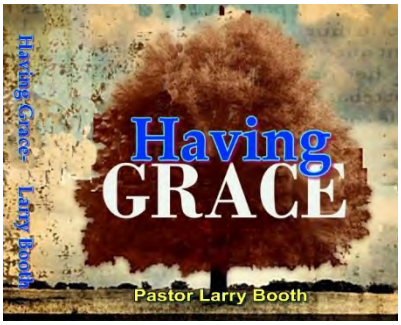
His glory. Man's glory is only borrowed from God his creator. Even Jesus, who was glorified on the cross will one day give back all the glory to the father. Join with Pastor Larry in this study into the glory of God. You will be blessed and challenged to enter God's glory here and now, living a Spirit filled life.

14. Where is the Sacrifice? Worship teaching series



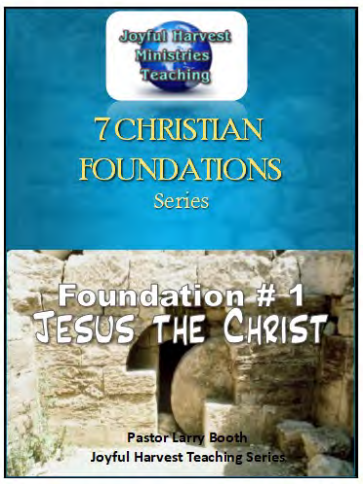
Genesis 22:7 says, "And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son," And he said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" God is asking us: "You say you have the fire, but where is the sacrifice?" Where are the saints who are willing to sacrifice, and to offer themselves as a living sacrifice? God wants US! More than any other offering, He wants us. Our purpose is to offer up spiritual sacrifices in our temple; giving place to the Lord and to what is rightfully His: us, our love, our praise, and our offerings. God demanded that sacrifice cost us something. This is the principle that pleases Him, but it is also the thing that we try to avoid. The ingredient that is missing in our sacrifice to God is US. Laying down ourselves. Something has to die. It's not the *offering* of praise, but the *sacrifice* of praise. Furthermore, it is not a sacrifice until it has been touched by the principle of the cross. Join with Pastor Larry as he teaches this important principle of how to get ourselves into the presence of God in a more intimate way.

15. Having Grace- Hebrews 12- FULL STUDY GUIDE



Hebrews 12:28 says, " Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:" The definition of grace is: "unmerited, unearned favor." God gives this to all mankind and gloriously saves those who receive His grace. He expects us to do the same. This study comes from the entire chapter of Hebrews 12, and speaks to how we deal with others who persecute us, how we should live, and how we treat others. We must have grace and show grace if we are going to represent God's kingdom and the gospel well.

16. Foundation #1- Jesus the Christ- FULL STUDY GUIDE



"EVERYONE WHO believes (adheres to, trusts, and relies on the fact) that Jesus is the Christ (the Messiah) is a born-again child of God; and everyone who loves the Father also loves the one born of Him" 1 John 5:1 AMP - This is the first foundation mentioned in Hebrews 6 that is the beginning of a good Christian walk and understanding. It is what the church is built upon, and without an understanding that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God there is no foundation. The church will crumble.

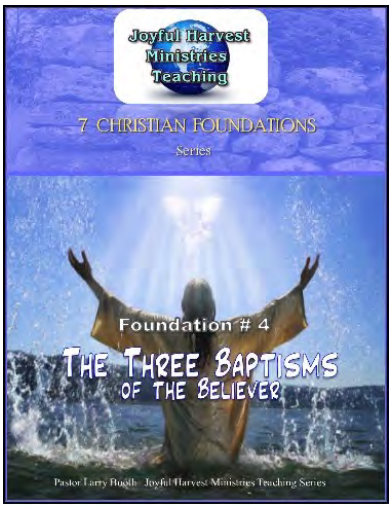
17. Foundation #2-Repentance from Dead Works (3 Lessons)

It appears that the Bible talks about two kinds of dead works: 1. Those works we do before we are saved as a means to try to please God (e.g. filthy rags as in Isaiah 64:6) 2. Those works we do after we are saved that are not pleasing to God (e.g. wood, hay, and stubble as in 1 Corinthians 3:11-12). This study relates to these two areas in our lives.

18. Foundation #3-Faith (12 Lessons- STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

This series is the third foundation found in Hebrews 6. It covers most aspects of Faith. What faith is, how it comes, and how it grows? We also cover subjects like faith for healing and keeping your confession.

19. The Three Baptisms of the Believer- Foundation #4- (18 Lessons) FULL STUDY GUIDE



Matthew 3:11 (KJV)
11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and *with* fire:

Water baptism is not the only baptism the Word of God speaks of. Did you know that there are more than one kind of baptism that the believer should know about and have? This study is a continuation of our Christian foundations found in Hebrews 6:1. There will be seven foundations covered with other study guides.

John's statement above must have shocked those around him as he spoke it. The disciples must have thought "What is this other baptism that John has spoken of, and who is it that he is speaking of that will baptize us?" We understand that *water* baptism is important for the believer to do, and it signifies our conversion experience, but what of this "baptism" into the Holy Spirit? As a young man I was taught what this baptism was, and want to teach you in this study series, all of the three baptisms the believer should have and understand. Most people join two of them together as if they were one, but they are distinctly different.

20. Limiting Our Liberties-(Lessons but no study guide)

I Corinthians 8:9 Amplified- "Only be careful that this power of choice (this permission and liberty to do as you please) which is yours, does not [somehow] become a hindrance (cause of stumbling) to the weak or over scrupulous [giving them an impulse to sin]." WHY is the believer taught to limit his liberties?"- To stay out of bondage- to not be a stumbling block- and so that we build others up and not tear them down.

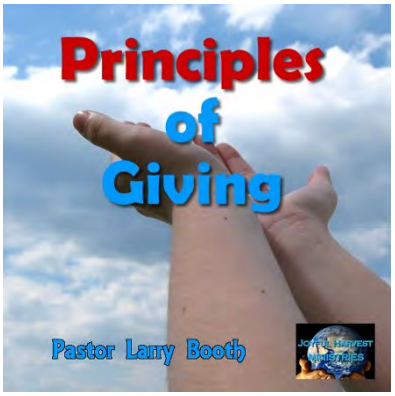
21. Foundation #5- Laying on of Hands (3 Lessons)

Laying on of Hands is a means of contact to confer a blessing or impartation from one person to another. There is an identification with the object/person through the contact whereby the anointed hands becomes a way to impart to another.

22. Foundation #6- Resurrection (Lessons STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTUCTION)

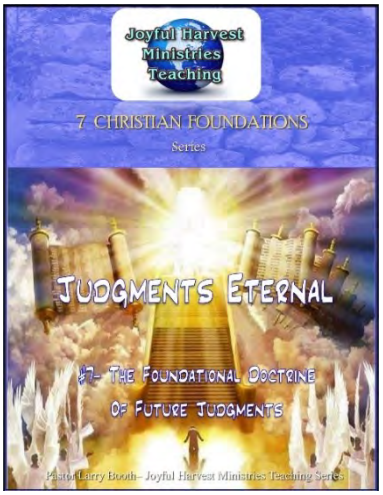
The most startling characteristic of the first Christian preaching is its emphasis on the resurrection. The first preachers were sure that Christ had risen, and sure, in consequence, that believers would in due course rise also. It was taught as a physical event and a Spiritual one. To be saved one must believe in the resurrection. This study looks at many aspects of the doctrine of resurrection and how even now it applies to our lives.

23. Principles of Giving- Lessons



1 Chronicles 16:23-34 (KJV)
29 Give unto the LORD the glory *due* unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. As the same in Psalm 96:8, NAS-Ascribe to the LORD the glory of His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts. 9 Worship the LORD in holy attire; MONEY- How does money affect you? Money is a subject with which all of us struggle. For some it is lack of money. For some it is the desire for money. For some it is wrong use of money. For some it is poor investment of money. This is a study of Biblical principles that revolve around giving.

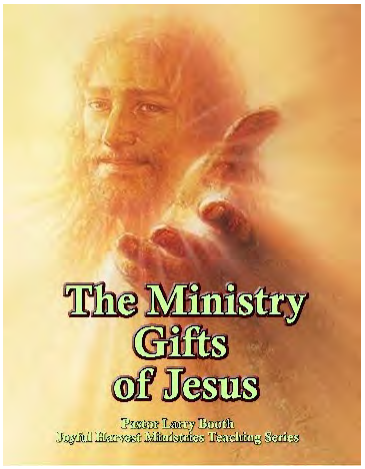
24. Foundation #7- The Foundation of Judgments Eternal- FULL STUDY GUIDE



This study for me took well over a year and continues to this day. In fact God began leading me deeper some 19 years ago. I grew up thinking one way because we learn from others what we believe. Sometimes as we dig out a subject, our understanding changes a bit. I believe this study becomes foundational to our understanding of what lies in our future as a human race and as a Christian people. To understand end times and the future of all created beings we must have a grasp on the judgments eternal. While we will cover most of the past judgments like the flood in another volume, but this study concerns itself with the future judgments. We understand God's plan for the ages by mapping out His future judgments and where they lie in time. I pray this study is a blessing to you in your spiritual growth and understanding of the future.

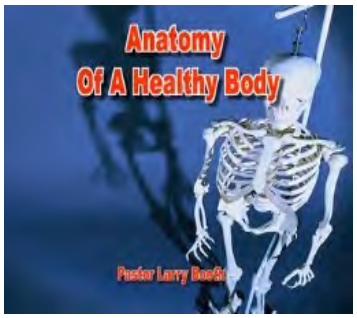
Fundamentally we must ask: "Is man accountable to God?" Though man tries to free himself from judgment, he rages on toward it weather he likes it or not. We all will be made accountable sometime or another. Better now than later.

25. The Gifts of Jesus- Ministry callings and office gifts- 20 Lessons- FULL STUDY GUIDE



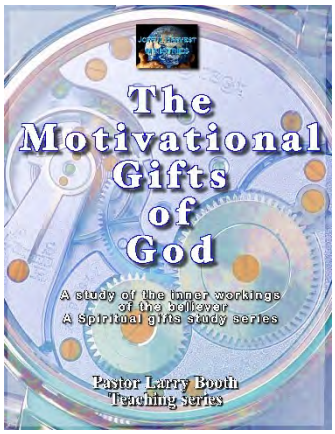
In Ephesians 4:11, the Greek word for "gifts" is "*domata,*" which comes from a base word that means a "present." He gave or endowed to the church *gifts* to take care of it. He granted or furnished the church with presents, or better "He gave gifts *of* men." They are callings by Jesus to serve in ministry offices. In verse 12, the word "perfecting" in the Greek means to "get ready or to prepare." We interpret the meaning of this passage to say that the ministries of Ephesians 4:11 are to focus on helping people find God, recognize their fit or placement in His Body and function effectively in service-ministry. This study will help you understand the ministry/office gifts.

26. Anatomy of a Healthy Body (2 Lessons)



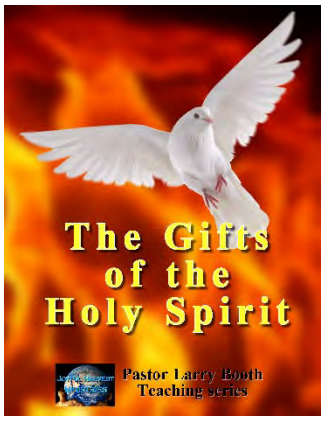
1 Corinthians 12:12-31 states that we are many members of one body – each has a gift and a function. A healthy body needs many things to strengthen it. The church is the body of Christ and to function properly in this world, it need some things like: well balance meals, a healthy mind, a strong backbone, exercise, and understanding of its parts and functions.

27. The Gifts of God- Inner workings or motivational gifts that every believer is equipped with full study guide (18 Lessons)



The motivational gifts serve to reveal the personality of God. These gifts are practical in nature. They describe the inner motivations of the Christian servant. The most basic parts of the Body of Christ are functions, not roles! There are seven distinctly different functions. These functions, found in Romans 12:1-8, are prophecy (or perception), ministry (or serving), teaching, exhorting, giving, ruling (or administration) and showing mercy. While God has chosen to call individuals to greatly differing roles and levels of influence, He has gifted everyone with different profiles and intensities of the same, seven foundational motivations. Our uniqueness (giftedness) is expressed through whatever role we are called to function in. In reality, the motivational gifts are not to be considered as something we have. They are actually who we are. We are members of Christ's Body–the Church. As members, we are parts. We do not "have a part", rather we are a part. The motivations are like the operating system God has placed in our "innermost computer."

28. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit- The supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit-(24 Lessons and full study guide)

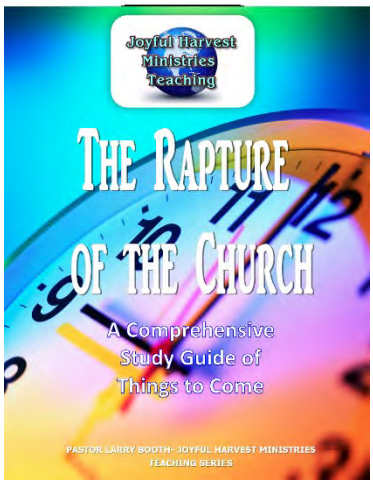


Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to baptize and equip His church with power and spiritual gifts so that His disciples could continue to carry out His ministry in the Earth. These supernatural gifts given by the Holy Spirit will lead the church into victory with powerful weapons to use in the church and the world. It was the Lord's wish that all be baptized with the Holy Spirit and have His gifts poured out on them. This study is not about the fruit of the Spirit but supernatural manifestations in the life of the believer after Spirit baptism.

29. Living a life of Excellence- Adding to your faith (18 Lessons- STUDY GUIDE UNDER CONSTUCTION)

What happens after one believes? We must grow and move on to excellence. Peter taught the church that there are steps of growth we take toward maturity. Bible.org put it this way-"In keeping with the biblical goal of spiritual growth and greater levels of maturity, we often find in Scripture the call to abound or excel in Christian character, especially in the various ways we can express love to one another. Spiritual maturity is a quest for character for which there will be little progress without the pursuit of excellence."

30. The Rapture of the Church- 40 audios 500 page FULL STUDY GUIDE



Since I was 14 years old the Lord has been teaching me about the Rapture of the Church. I've always felt that it was a subject that the Lord would use me to teach the church. My very first sermon was about the end times. To me this subject is a great puzzle that we piece together one part at a time to get a clear and focused understanding of it. So many have lost their way because of something someone has said about a verse misrepresenting it.

There are answers to your questions about verses you don't understand. I hope this study guide along with the recorded audio messages help you put these pieces together. While this is for anybody wishing to study the Rapture of the Church, when I was putting this together I had in mind all of the pastors and Bible college students who need this study to help their congregations. I've done the research for you so you can spend your time in one resource and not have to purchase all the books I have acquired in my library.

My recent audio series took 13 months to preach and at least another 6 months to put into the form you're reading right now. We hope it blesses you and helps you defend what you believe. This is my study and not someone else's rewritten.

31. Magnets or Maggots- (4 Lessons)

One attracts and the other consumes- Outreach is not just harvesting it's SOWING too. Albert Barnes- "Seek first his kingdom; seek first to be righteous, and to become interested in his favour, and all necessary things will be added to you. God has control over all things, and he can give you that which you need. He *will* give you that which *he* deems best for you."

32. How to Resolve Conflict- Practical lessons on resolution (3 Lessons)

One of the most important tools in life is how to resolve a conflict and how to restore a strained and broken relationship. If you run from conflict you won't be happy in life. Work, marriage, parenting, friend's, community, church, everywhere in life we need this skill. Nobody teaches this in school. How do you restore a broken relationship?

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