

1-Robert                      2-Debbie                      3-God

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Ephesians 2:8 – We are saved BY GRACE not works-God put IN OUR ACCOUNT – His righteousness:

Remember the 3 boxes Morris put on the board

- 1- Robert – Bad guy = All SSSSSSSS 9 maybe 2 (r)
- 2- Debbie – Good gal = ALL RRRRRRRR a couple (s)
- 3- God – ALL R's

Our righteousness is as filthy rags – Is. 64:6

S=Sin  
R=Righteousness

Next set of boxes

R

S

1-Robert                      2- Jesus

GOD TOOK ALL OUR SIN AND PUT IN ON JESUS – HE BECAME SIN FOR US AND PUT INTO OUR ACCOUNT RIGHTEOUSNESS!! GRACE!!

Jesus took ALL my R's (sins) and put on himself – He became my sin for me, by grace I am saved!!

Now the Father looks at my account and sees Jesus and His righteousness NOT SIN – its all been erased and paid for by Jesus! God looks at Jesus account and says "You die" and tells us we live. - Jesus died because He took ALL of my sin and put into His account.

# OVERWHELMED BY GRACE

## The Righteousness of Grace

### Video #1 – The Righteousness of Grace Outline of all scripture references(bfc)

#### ➤ Romans 4:1-5

- Abraham speaks “humanly”
  - He is the Founder of the Jewish Nation
    - What he discovered about being right with God
    - Did his “good deeds” make him acceptable to God?
      - The Scripture tells us:
        - Abraham believed God
        - This was counted to him as righteousness
          - Because of His FAITH

#### ➤ When people “work” for wages – its earned-not a gift

- People are counted right with God by GRACE
  - A Free Gift-Salvation
    - Works don’t get it done!
    - Put your faith in God
    - God forgives us of our sins
      - We are righteous (in right standing) with God

#### ➤ James 2:10

- You keep the law
  - Disobedience to ONE law
    - You have failed in ALL of the laws
      - We can’t keep them
      - Jesus did!

#### ➤ Romans 5:17

- Sin of one man-Adam-death upon all man
  - God is greater
    - God gives us GRACE
      - He is righteousness for ALL of us
        - Receive Jesus
        - Triumph over sin
        - Triumph over death
          - One Man Jesus Christ-Ultimate Grace

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➤ Romans 3:10-12

- No one is righteous (in right standing) with God
  - NO NOT ONE
    - No one seeks after God
    - All have turned away from God
    - All are useless

➤ Romans 9:30-32

- Even though
  - Gentiles were not trying to follow God's standards
    - They were made right with God
      - By their Faith In Jesus!
  - People of Israel, "tried hard" to get right with God by
    - Keeping the Law
    - They NEVER succeeded
      - WHY NOT?
        - They were "TRYING" to Keep the Law
        - Instead of TRUSTING Him.

➤ Romans 10:3-9

- They did not "understand" Gods way of being right with Him
  - They refuse His way (Life)
  - They cling to their "own way" (death)
  - They continue in trying to keep the Law
    - Christ already ACCOMPLISHED the purpose of the Law in Himself (He was the perfect sacrifice, the only Perfect one)
      - Result:
        - All who will believe in Jesus
          - Are "made right" by faith, not works

➤ Moses writes the Law

- It requires "works" – obedience to ALL the Laws
  - But Faith's way is:
    - Declare Jesus is Lord
    - Believe in your heart
    - God raises Him from the dead
      - You will be saved

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➤ John 6:28-29

- They still want to “perform” God’s **works**
  - They ask: “What do we DO?”
    - Jesus told them:
      - There is only **ONE WORK**
        - God wants you to believe in the one He sent – Jesus
        - **ONE WORK** – NOT WORKS

## Video Notes - “The Righteousness of Grace”

➤ Verses for today’s lesson

- Romans 4:1-5
- James 2:10
- Romans 4:3
- John 6:28-29
- Romans 4:2-4
- Romans 3:10-12
- Romans 9:30-32
- Romans 10:3-9
- You will look at everything in life as “Law or Grace”
- Legalism is another word for Perfectionist
- Keep the Law – Keep ALL of it
- Legalism affects every area of our lives
  - Morris tells story about the man walking down the street asking people what they must do to get saved. (Reactions: Be Good – Do more good than bad...)
- Have you ever broken every law there is? (NO)
  - Have you ever “slipped” in obeying the law? (Living Bible) – Yes
  - If you have – your GUILTY of ALL Gods standards – Laws
    - God is perfect and we never will be.
- Abraham believed God and God put into is ACCOUNT – Righteousness

- What is righteousness; Morris tells story about Pastor Todd and asks questions to make you “think about it”
  - Does a person live “righteously” because he is righteous?
  - A person is NOT righteous because he lives righteous, He is “LIVING” righteous BECAUSE he IS righteous (saved)
- What is righteousness? In right standing with God.
  - I am NOT in right standing with God because I DO right things, because I can’t DO ENOUGH right things to be made right with God.
  - I AM IN RIGHT STANDING with God, because of Jesus Righteousness He put in my heart upon salvation. I believed=righteousness
  - NOW because of my right standing with God – I have a DESIRE TO DO right things – but I don’t always do right things.
  - My RIGHT things don’t make me right with God.
- Questions he presented to make you think:
  - Can an unrighteous man do a righteous deed? (yes)
    - Story of unbeliever having a great day
    - Story of believer having a horrible day
  - If the unbeliever has a great day, does great things and does righteous things, does that make him righteous? NO (ONLY JESUS)
- Another illustration:
  - There is a believer having a horrible day, He does awful things all day long. Kick the dog, pushed a person down cause he was in hurry, yelled at his family, cursed, outright threw fits all day long! Do these unrighteous deeds make this believer “Unrighteous”? No.
  - Ok – did the righteous deeds of the unbeliever make him righteous? NO. That would be works / law and not grace
  - Next question:
    - Can an unrighteous man do an unrighteous deed? Yes
    - Does our righteousness depend on our performance? No
      - There ARE consequences of sin, God is NOT pleased!
      - Does our righteousness depend on our performance? Or our position with God? NO
    - Did Abraham EARN his righteousness?
      - Romans 4:2 – If he earned it, he could brag about it, No bragging in heaven. We will be there because of Jesus and His shed blood and His righteousness placed in our account!
- Ephesians 2:8 – We are saved BY GRACE not works



## “Amazing Works”

### **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)**

<sup>8</sup> God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

### **1 Peter 1:17 (NLT)**

<sup>17</sup> And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time here as “temporary residents.”

### **Revelation 20:11-13 (NLT)-The Final Judgment**

<sup>11</sup> And I saw a great white throne and the one sitting on it. The earth and sky fled from his presence, but they found no place to hide. <sup>12</sup> I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books. <sup>13</sup> The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave<sup>[a]</sup> gave up their dead. And all were judged according to their deeds.

**2 Corinthians 5:10 (NLT)** For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body.

**Romans 14:10 (NLT)** So why do you condemn another believer? Why do you look down on another believer? Remember, we will all stand before the judgment seat of God.

## 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Because of God's grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful. <sup>11</sup> For no one can lay any foundation other than the one we already have—Jesus Christ.

<sup>12</sup> Anyone who builds on that foundation may use a variety of materials—gold, silver, jewels, wood, hay, or straw. <sup>13</sup> But on the judgment day, fire will reveal what kind of work each builder has done. The fire will show if a person's work has any value. <sup>14</sup> If the work survives, that builder will receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> But if the work is burned up, the builder will suffer great loss. The builder will be saved, but like someone barely escaping through a wall of flames.

## 2 Corinthians 5:10 – D. Guzik Commentary Notes

- (9-10) - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether **good or bad**. Therefore we make it our aim... to be well pleasing to Him
  - Our goal must persistently be to please God.
  - Never mind what anybody else thinks of you. Your business is to please Christ,
  - Now, while we are present in these bodies, is our only opportunity in all eternity to please God in these areas.

**For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ:** When we pass from these bodies to the world beyond, we must **each** give account **according to what he has done, whether good or bad**.

This is not the Great White Throne judgment ([Revelation 20:11-15](#)). This describes a judgment of the works of believers (**the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad**).

**We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ:** **First**, *what we have done will be judged (the things done)*. **Secondly**, *our motives for what we have done will be judged (according to what he has done, whether good or bad)*. *It is possible to have a saved soul and a wasted life, and that will be judged at the judgment seat of Christ.*

This should be an *encouragement* in our service to the Lord. It should remind us of the principle in [Hebrews 6:10](#): *For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love*

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We must live understanding that *our motives* for what we do will be judged (1 Corinthians 13:1-3 shares this idea). One can do the **right things but with a wrong heart**. (Bad motives is what would be “bad of the good and bad works”)

## Ecclesiastes 12:14 - David Guzik Commentary

(13-14) Conclusion: live as one preparing for judgment and eternity  
Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man’s all. For God will bring **every work** into judgment, Including every **secret thing**, Whether **good or evil**.

For God will bring **every work** into judgment, including every **secret thing, whether good or evil**. There is, and will be, and eternal accounting for everything we do. ( I assume in this passage it is stating the good and bad will be at both judgments –1). Believers-Judgement 2)Unbelievers- Great White Throne Judgement).

As Paul explained, this puts life into perspective: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal* (2 Corinthians 4:17-5)

Revelation 20:(12-13) The judgment of condemnation.  
**Great White Throne Judgement – This is for all Unbelievers**

And I saw the **dead, small and great**, (unbelievers-lost souls) standing before God, and **books** were opened. And another **book** was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the **dead** (lost souls) were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the **books**.

The **sea gave up the dead** who were in it, and **Death and Hades delivered up the dead** who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works.

**Standing before God:** This is not a *trial*, trying to determine what the facts are. The facts are in; here is the sentencing of someone already condemned. “ Because this is a sentencing and not a trial, those who stand before the throne have nothing to say!!

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Of course, there will be no criticism of God on that day- souls will see their own sin and rejection of Him more clearly than ever. **And the dead were judged according to their works**: If people are *not* listed in the **Book of Life**, *then* each one is judged **according to his works**. Those who refuse to come to God by faith will, by default, be judged (and condemned) by their works.

There are degrees of punishment for unbelievers, according to their works (Matthew 11:20-24). Here is where they are sentenced to their specific eternal punishment.

- a. **The sea gave up the dead who were in it**: Why does the *sea* give up its dead? It represents the place of unburied bodies; the emphasis is on the universal character of judgment – *everybody* is included.

### How many books are in Revelation 20:12?

The commentaries I researched said three and this is one of those things that could **cause controversy**: It seems clear that God keeps a record of our lives and holds us accountable for how we manage the time, talents, relationships, and other gifts He has entrusted to us. He knows our thoughts, which form the action plans for good and evil deeds .In various places, the Bible depicts God’s record of our lives as contained in **heavenly books**. No person escapes the Creator’s interest or avoids a day of reckoning with Him. The lives they lived, the deeds they wrought, the thoughts and tempers they indulged, still stand written where the memory of them cannot perish.

### What are these books?

Bible commentators differ in their opinions about the unnamed books. David Aune notes **three types of books** mentioned in the Old Testament and early non-canonical Jewish and Christian literature: 1) The **Book of Life**, which records the names of **the righteous**, 2) the **Book of Deeds**, which catalogues people’s **good and bad works** 3) the **Book of Destiny**, which records the history of the world and/or the destinies of people before birth

I don’t agree with the Third Book contents in this commentary: I looked at Believers Bible Commentary and I am at peace with: I am like you on researching and getting this in my brain. I checked my Believers Bible Commentary and agreed what it said. It does say **"two sets of books"** The books (plural) that is causing me to have questions, was answered a little better to me here.

Two Books - Two sets of books: The Book of Life AND the Books (plural because of so many sins written in them for the lost) 2 Books, just more than one because of the filled pages.

### What Are The Differences Between Law and Grace in the Bible?

Are grace and law opposed to one another? Since we are under grace, do we still have to keep the law? **Grace is...**

Grace is God's unmerited favor which He bestows upon all those who repent and trust in Christ. Grace has been called, God's riches at Christ's expense. God gives us what we do not deserve. If grace were merited, then it wouldn't be grace anymore but salvation by works and no one is saved by works. Paul clearly defined this in Romans 11:6 writing "But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace" and "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast" (Eph 2:8-9). That's good news for us because no one can possibly keep the law perfectly. Only Christ could and did so He kept the law for us who couldn't so that we could receive eternal life by faith.

### **Is the Law Void?**

Since we are under grace, does this mean that we don't have to worry about the law? Paul answers the question about the law by telling the church at Rome, "Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it" (Rom 6:1-2)? Further, he says "What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness" (Rom 6:15-16)? Just because we are not under the law but under grace doesn't mean that we are free to break the law.

The truth is that we should desire to obey God because we love Him as Jesus said "If you love me, you will keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Love is equated with a desire to live an obedient life. We should want to obey God because we love Him and we are indebted to Him by His freeing us from the eternal death penalty that we all deserved and that the law had brought.

When Paul writes about the law, he is not referring to the Mosaic Law which was nailed to the cross by Christ but he was referring to the Ten Commandments which have never been voided. How can we say that God has done away with “You shall not murder, you shall not bear false witness,” or “You shall not commit adultery?”

### The Purpose of the Law

The Ten Commandments are intended to show us what sin is and we wouldn't even know what sin was except by the law (Rom 7:7). John writes that sin is transgressing the law because “Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4) but just because the law has been lifted, this doesn't mean that we don't strive to obey it as much as humanly possible and by the power of the Spirit of God. Here is where we must have gratitude for Christ's sacrifice because He “appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin” but it's important to note that “no one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him” (1 John 3:5:6).

We are not saved by the law or by law-keeping but anyone who is living a lifestyle of breaking God's law is obviously not saved. John makes this clear by writing “Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God” (1 John 3:8-9). The key word here is “practice” because if you are learning to play an instrument or playing a sport you continue to practice it because you love it so anyone that continues to practice sin, as a lifestyle, cannot truly be a person who has been born again because “No one born of God makes a practice of sinning.” That doesn't mean that believers still don't sin.

We all sin and stumble and fall but that's not the same thing as continually diving into it or practicing sin on an ongoing basis. We are not sinless but we strive to sin less! Just like Paul we “have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out: (Rom 7:18). Like Paul, you and I “do not do the good [we] want, but the evil [we] do not want is what [we] keep on doing” (Rom 7:19) even though we “have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out” (Rom 7:18).

## Freed from the Law

Paul reassures us that we are no longer under the law by saying “when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness” (Rom 6:20) and “now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life” (Rom 6:22). Furthermore, “you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God” (Rom 7:4). Does this mean “That the law is sin? By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet” (Rom 7:7)

## Conclusion

Don't lose heart if you continue to fall into sin. The only true concern is that if you continually practice sin as a pattern or a lifestyle. If there is no conviction of sin, that is a warning sign that your conscience may be getting seared because the more you sin, the less you care that you sin. Like a callous forms on a hand that is continually working and then becomes less sensitive, so too does sin have the effect of desensitizing us that something is wrong. Like Paul, “I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members” and like him, I cry out “Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?” but then we can give “Thanks...to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin” (Rom 7:23-25).

That is good news because if you are waging war with the flesh, you at least know you're on the right side of the battle. If there is no war against sin, if there is no conviction of sin, and if there is no godly sorrow or repentance, take warning because “whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother” (1 John 3:10b) because “Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil” (1 John “8a) and “Whoever says “I know him” but does not keep his commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4).

# Understanding the Differences Between Law and Grace

## Definition of Grace

Grace is where God initiates and provides everything necessary for Ancient salvation, and where He initiates and provides everything necessary to live as a City of functioning member of the Body of Christ. Your part is to believe and receive what Shiloh God has already accomplished through Jesus Christ.

The Old Testament and the 4 Gospels teach the Mosaic Law that was given only to Israel. After Jesus fulfilled the Law by living a sinless life under it, He was uniquely qualified to be the Lamb without "spot or blemish." By His Cross, Jesus defeated sin; by His resurrection, Jesus conquered death. The Law was always intended to be a temporary measure for the Jews until Christ came. After Christ fulfilled the Law, it was no longer needed because it was based on human performance.

Under grace, righteousness and righteous living come from Jesus Christ living in you, not by your own human efforts. As a member of His Body, Jesus lives out His life in you and does His good works through you.

## New Covenant Grace

- Grace is based on what God has done through the finished work of Jesus Christ, not on anything you do.
- In grace, God comes to live in your born again heart. The Bible speaks of this indwelling life as "the Holy Spirit" in you ([1 Corinthians 6:19](#)) or "Christ in you" ([Colossians 1:27](#), [Galatians 2:20](#)); they both mean the same thing.
- Grace is lived out by faith; it is lived out by following what Jesus in you is doing. Jesus lives out His righteous life through you; you follow what He is doing by being His hands, feet and voice in the world today.
- At the Last Supper, Jesus began to reveal the true meaning of grace to His disciples (John 14-17); later, Jesus completed the revelation to the Apostle Paul and the other Apostles.
- God moved the righteousness of the Law from being an external standard lived out by human effort and performance to being an internal standard lived out by the power of Christ within ([Hebrews 10:16](#)).

**Old Covenant Law** The Law was based on human performance (works); no one was ever able to keep the Law fully except Jesus Christ.

- The righteous standards of the Law did not disappear; rather, they were moved into the hearts of all who believe so that Jesus Christ, Himself, can live out God's holiness ([Jeremiah 31:33](#)).
- The Law was given only to Israel as a temporary measure until faith came (until Christ came) ([Galatians 3:23](#)). Once Christ accomplished all that the Father had asked of Him, the Jews were no longer under the Law ([Galatians 3:25](#)). (**Note:** Israel, as a nation, rejected Jesus and still live under the Law; but the number of individual Jews who have received Jesus as their Savior is estimated in the hundreds of thousands.)
- The Law is not of faith ([Galatians 3:12](#)). The Law is the opposite of faith because it is human works vs. God's works.
- The Law causes sin to increase, not decrease ([Romans 5:20](#)); therefore, those who teach Law are inadvertently causing sin to increase.
- Sin's power *is* the Law ([1 Corinthians 15:56](#)); righteousness comes from the power of Christ within.
- The Law, including the Ten Commandments, ended when God raised Jesus Christ from the dead ([Hebrews 8:6,13](#); [Hebrews 10:9](#)). If the Law was still in effect, God would judge you on your ability to live a life of perfect righteousness. With faith, you have already been made righteous by the indwelling life of Christ; your born again heart is perfect and without any sin because Christ is joined as one to you.
- After God ended the Old Covenant Law, although holy, it became the "ministry of death" and the "ministry of condemnation" because no one could keep it perfectly (see [2 Corinthians 3:6-7,8-9](#)).
- The Law ceased to exist before salvation was ever offered to the Gentiles. If the Law was still in effect, the Gentiles would have no hope of salvation. Why? It is because the Mosaic Law was the barrier between the Jews and the Gentiles ([Ephesians 2:11,12,13-14,15-16](#), especially [Ephesians 2:12,14](#)).

**Difference Between Law and Grace**-The Law focused on the standard of righteousness; it was an external standard that the Jews attempted to live out by their own human effort. Grace looks to the source of righteousness, Jesus Christ. Grace is an internal standard that is lived out by Christ, Himself, as He lives His righteous life in you and does His good works through you; you follow Him in faith.

**Why the Confusion?**-Much of the confusion about Law and grace is due to the fact that, in the four Gospels, Jesus lived under the Law and taught the Law as God meant it to be taught. Because the four Gospels are in the New Testament, people have misunderstood this as our rule of life. We are to live as Jesus did - by faith - not under the rule of law. The Apostles taught grace, not Law, in the rest of the New Testament. The Law ceased to exist after Christ's resurrection. The writer of Hebrews acknowledged that there would be a period of transition from Law to grace; but, this applied only to the Jews.

[Hebrews 8:13](#) When He said, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. But **whatever is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to disappear.**

The completed Law allowed grace to be revealed to the whole world; now, because of grace, God is offering salvation to the Gentiles by grafting them into a salvation that is from the Jews ([John 4:22](#)). This is an essential point: Jesus came to bring salvation the Jews ([Matthew 15:24](#)). But, because the Jews rejected their Messiah ([Romans 11:15](#)), God brought the Gentiles into this salvation ... [Romans 11:17](#) But if some of the branches were broken off (the Jews who rejected Jesus), and you, being a wild olive (the Gentiles), were grafted in among them and became partaker with them of the rich root of the olive tree (salvation),

We are saved by grace, through faith ([Ephesians 2:8-9](#)). The keeping of the Law cannot save anyone ([Romans 3:20](#); [Titus 3:5](#)). In fact, those who claim righteousness on the basis of their keeping of the Law only *think* they're keeping the Law; this was one of Jesus' main points in the Sermon on the Mount ([Matthew 5:20-48](#); see also [Luke 18:18-23](#)). The purpose of the Law was, basically, to bring us to Christ ([Galatians 3:24](#)). Once we are saved, God desires to glorify Himself through our good works ([Matthew 5:16](#); [Ephesians 2:10](#)). Therefore, good works *follow* salvation; they do not precede it. Conflict between "grace" and the "Law" can arise when someone 1) misunderstands the purpose of the Law; 2) redefines *grace* as something other than "God's benevolence on the undeserving" (see [Romans 11:6](#)); 3) tries to earn his own salvation or "supplement" Christ's sacrifice; 4) follows the error of the Pharisees in tacking manmade rituals and traditions onto his doctrine; or 5) fails to focus on the "whole counsel of God" ([Acts 20:27](#)).

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## Lesson #4 – “Orphans, Slaves, & Sons” – Pastor Brady

BFC Notes from our Bible Verses in this lesson:

- This lesson verses will be: Luke 15:17-24
- John 8:34-36
- Galatians 4:1-7
- Luke 15:20
- ❖ **Luke 15:17-24**
  - **When he “came to himself”**-How long does it take us before we “come to ourselves” and allow the Holy Spirit to take over in an area of our lives that we have been trying to do things “on our own”? Stubbornly refusing to “give in and give up” and confess our sin/rebellion and independence OR justifying what we think we’re doing is “OK” – “I will get through this, I don’t need help”
  - **“Arise and go” to my Father** – Faith-once we realize the Holy Spirit is giving us direction and we need to repent-follow His promptings or leadings. We have to put ACTION to our TURNING and redirect our walk. OBEDIENCE AND SELF DISCIPLINE (Self-Control one of the Fruit of the Spirits)
  - **“No longer worthy to be called your son”**-Watch out!! The devil is a LIAR!! He will tell us things like this to keep us in rebellion, misery, sin; There is therefore NO Condemnation to those in Christ Jesus. If you are saved, you ARE in Christ Jesus – Gods Forgiving, Loving, GRACE!
  - **All our sins have been forgiven - Jesus remembers our sins NO MORE – GRACE** – (this is not a license to sin and do what we want “because He is full of grace – when we are saved, Jesus gives us NEW desires and those new desires bring conviction because He wants fellowship with us)
  - **The more we study and stay in the word- the stronger God makes us.**
- ❖ Our Father is full of compassion
- ❖ He waits patiently for our return and repentance
  - The son in our lesson repents to God first then to his father – A picture of what we need to do. Turn to God then to any person that needs restitution with.

- This father dresses him “anew”
  - Our Father will remove our sin – put on new “infilling” of the Holy Spirit – renewed and washed in the blood of Jesus
  - The new apparel has several symbolic meanings, as I looked this up in commentaries, there are variations as to what each piece means
    - Best Robe
    - Ring on his finger
    - Sandals on his feet
- ❖ Celebration time: Eat, drink and celebrate
  - Was dead, now alive
  - Lost but now found (In this story the lost and found is not talking about him never having known Jesus – he was saved and came back to God)
- ❖ WOW – In verse 20, The Father RAN TO THE SON and fell on his knees hugging the son’s neck and kissed him.
  - Originally, I thought the son did the hugging and kissing because he was so glad the father was accepting him. But the FATHER is the one with open arms and forgiveness – wrapping him with GRACE and LOVE.
  - God goes above and beyond in His
    - Grace
    - Love
    - Forgiveness
    - Blessings
- ❖ The apparel and party were above and beyond just receiving and accepting the repentant heart (son)
- ❖ I remember a sermon I heard from Valley Creek – Pastor John Stickl on “RECLAIM” a couple of years back.
  - The verses in this sermon talked about taking back what the devil had stole from me. When I went back to my home church (after being gone for 3 years and visiting other churches) I was welcomed as if I never left and I asked forgiveness where I needed to AND God started opening ministry doors for me once again.
- ❖ A person can be obedient yet have a bad attitude and be distant in his relationship with Jesus.
- ❖ **In Galatians 4:1-7 I share my following notes**
  - I am an heir – child of God. But I personally won’t claim all that is mine until I get to heaven. But that is not really what this verse is talking about.

- I am an heir – child of God – I get saved, I am a newborn baby and I have to GROW into my relationship with God by prayer and study and Christian teaching and fellowship.
- When we first get saved, we may still look like the world in some of our habits and lifestyles because we are “babies in Christ”. We are learning to WALK in our new faith! God is patient!
- I understand the guardian and protection of the Holy Spirit until I go to heaven and have a new body, new home and all my rewards for serving Him.

## Lesson #4 – Orphans, Slaves, Sons – Video Notes by: Pastor Brady Body

- Luke 15 - The man who discovered Grace has two questions
  - 1. What is really true about God?
  - 2. What is true about you? (What is in your core?)
    - How does God see you?
    - How do you see God?
- Pastor shares a scenario about the 2 boys in this story
  - The father is probably a single dad
  - The boys are probably 18-24 years of age
    - The youngest one comes to dad-basically saying: “Dad your not dying soon enough, You are rich and I want my money now”.
    - He is arrogant, selfish and has no regard or respect for his dad.
    - Not only was he arrogant and selfish, he was going to leave his dad, and in that culture, it was the responsibility of the kids to take care of the elderly parents.
    - Son has the attitude; He is not going to help his dad in his old age!
- The son takes the money and spends all of it; ending up in a pig pen. A Jewish boy ending up in a pig pen with non kosher animals.
- A wrestling match is going on in his soul, he says: “I am no longer worthy to be called your son”.
  - (Jesus died for us, so we are Worthy to be called sons and daughters no matter what we have done – GRACE!
- Orphans, Slaves, Sons = Overwhelmed by GRACE
- Who are you?
- What choices have you made in your lifestyle?

**Overwhelmed by Grace** – Salt Shakin Sister Ministry – “Seed Sewing Sista’s” – 2021 Recap of all the Bible Studies we learned from in the tough year of 2020. What satan meant for evil, God made good come out of it! [www.saltshakinsister.com](http://www.saltshakinsister.com) – b\_chapmond@yahoo.com

- The son “chose” to be an orphan by walking away from his dad's house.
  - By cultural standards, his dad had the right to disown him, so the son knew he was orphaned by his own choice.
- The son thinks maybe if he could DO enough good, he could become a slave, but believed he would NEVER be a SON again. (That mindset the devil works on us, Do Good Works, Work Harder, Work, Work, Work, performance oriented)
- The biggest thing we need to receive is the OVERWHELEMED GRACE – IT IS OUR IDENTITY IN JESUS
- If you don't know who you are, you will never catch this GRACE
- The first group Brady talks about is: ORPHANS
  - Our churches are full of them
- Brady has two adopted children – he shares several examples in this sermon with them.
  - We aren't supposed to mold children into what we want them to be, we are to help them become what God wants them to be.
  - This is an Orphan Generations
- Step up to your calling
  - Orphans don't believe they belong anywhere
  - Orphans will attend church, but they won't commit and serve because they don't trust authority because they have been hurt.
  - Orphans won't let anyone get close to them.
  - Orphans are not going to get hurt again
  - The word GRACE means nothing to them – they don't get it.
  - Orphans had to fight for everything they have ever received.
  - Orphans have never had anyone believe in them
  - Orphans wonder through life, not knowing where they belong
- SLAVE MENTALITY:
  - Slaves ARE COMMITTED.
  - They believe their position in the family depends on their performance
  - If they work hard, really hard, “Maybe Dad will pay attention to me”
  - They are like mice on a treadmill running faster, faster, faster; Look at me God-See how hard I am working
  - Put the spot light on ME -Look what I am doing
- All their identity is in who they are, where they have been what they have done, who they know.
  - We ARE to do good works, that is not who we are.

- God is not impressed with what we are doing as much as “WHO WE ARE BECOMING”.
- Slaves are “Behavior” focused
- God wants a heart transformation, not robotic, performance-oriented children
- God sees past our behavior and into our hearts
- Jesus didn’t come to this earth to simply control our behavior; He came to ADOPT US.
- Parenting is a type of shadow of our relationship with God
- God set up the family to give us insight as to His relationship to us.
- God is our DAD- we are His children!
- **SONS and DAUGHTERS**
  - Galatians 4 verse in our study
  - The Law shows us we need Jesus
  - We are saved by GRACE that we might receive the full rights of SONS
    - The Holy Spirit came into our hearts and tells us we can call out Abba Father
    - We are no longer SLAVES
- Some differences are:
  - Sons and Daughters enjoy the land the Father owns.
  - They have assignments and things they are supposed to do
  - They get to enjoy time with Dad and not feel guilty if Dad doesn’t give them all their attention
  - They know their behavior doesn’t change their positions IN JESUS and with DAD