

Brand New – 5.2

Romans 6:4 (NLT)

⁴ For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may **live new lives**.

God's Grace is so much more than forgiveness.

God has given us all the power we need to live a “Brand New” Life in this world. And eternal life beyond that.

Colossians 3:3 (NLT)

³ For you died to this life, and your **real life** is hidden with Christ in God.

Luke 9:23 (NLT)

²³ Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

In **Romans 10:9** it states that we should confess Jesus as Lord Lord – *kurios* – *master, owner, supreme in authority*

No Slide: Exodus 33:11 (NLT)

¹¹ Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend.

- I no longer call you slaves but friends – **John 15:15**

The Bottom Line – only those who walk in holiness can see God or enter His presence

John 14:21 Amplified Bible (AMP)

²¹ The person who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who[really] loves Me; and whoever [really] loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal (*Manifest*) Myself to him [I will make Myself **real** to him].”

The Complete Word Study Dictionary – “to make apparent, cause to be seen, to show” “Of a person...meaning to let oneself be intimately known and understood.”

Colossians 1:10 Amplified Bible (AMP)

¹⁰ so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord [displaying admirable character, moral courage, and personal integrity], to [fully] please *Him* in all things, bearing fruit in every good work and steadily growing in the knowledge of God [with deeper faith, clearer insight and fervent love for His precepts];

Every move of God has been marked by people of strong moral character who long for His presence

Jesus expects to return to a glorious Church without spot or wrinkle; and without blemish – **Ephesians 5:27**

I think it’s interesting the Bible doesn’t say that Jesus is returning for a Church that is powerful, relevant, organized, raising up leaders, well connected, worshipful or joyful

He wants us to be holy!

Titus 2:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, ¹² **teaching** us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age

- Most of us would acknowledge that grace is salvation, unmerited favor, or forgiveness of sins
- Yet we see here that grace is the tutor that teaches us how to live free of sin

Grace is empowerment!

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)

“My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.”

Grace – Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance:

“gift, benefit, favor, gracious, and liberality”

“the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life”

Grace is something that changes us – its affects can be seen!

James 2:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ But someone will say, “You have faith (*grace*), and I have works.” Show me your faith (*grace*) without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

- It’s by faith in God’s word that we access grace

Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

² through whom also (*we have access by faith into this grace*) in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Without faith – without believing – there is no empowerment

Grace is a gift...

- Salvation is a gift of grace
- Forgiveness is a gift of grace
- Healing is a gift of grace
- Provision is a gift of grace
- Empowerment (to do the works of God) is a gift of grace
- Holiness (the nature of God) is a gift of grace

Grace gives us the ability to go beyond our ability

We can't achieve any of the things in the list without grace

Grace allows us to receive the fullness of God

John 1:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

It's like Jesus is living on the inside!

Here we see that the first place Grace is mentioned in the NT God introduces it as possessing His fullness – His power, virtue, nature and empowerment!

2 Peter 1:2–3 (NLT)

² May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.

³ By his divine power, God has given us everything we need for living a godly life. We have received all of this by coming to know him, the one who called us to himself by means of his marvelous glory and excellence.

- Grace is not a onetime occurrence at the moment of salvation
- It is something we need continually
- Grace is like fuel for our faith tank!

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT)

¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

James 4:4, 6 (NKJV)

⁴ Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁶ But He gives more grace. Therefore, He says: “*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.*”

- God gives us “more grace” to stand against and overcome evil desires

The proud person focuses on their ability to *Perform*, the humble focus on God's ability to *Trans-form* them

David trusted in the power of God, not his own ability to defeat Goliath

1 Samuel 17:45 (NKJV)

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, “You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But **I come to you in the name of the LORD** of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

- Remember God didn't choose the older more experienced brothers
- God looks on the heart – the one that's humble

Jesus trusted Father God in the garden of Gethsemane

Matthew 26:41 (NLT)

⁴¹ Keep watch and pray, so that you will not give in to temptation. For the spirit is willing, but the body is weak!”

- Grace gives us God's nature when we are saved, but we need more and more grace to live like Jesus did
- There should be a distinct difference between the way a non-believer lives and the way a believer lives

Ephesians 4:17, 19, 24 (NLT)

¹⁷ With the Lord's authority I say this: **Live no longer** as the Gentiles do, for they are **hopelessly confused**.

¹⁹ They have no sense of shame. They live for lustful pleasure and eagerly practice every kind of impurity.

²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy.

It's amazing to me that more and more we see people saying the old testament is filled with "dos and don'ts" but the NT is all about grace without works – that is a false Gospel

Ephesians 4:25–29 (NLT)

²⁵ So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body. ²⁶ And "don't sin by letting anger control you." * Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for **anger gives a foothold to the devil**.

²⁸ If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.

²⁹ Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Some even teach that grace frees us from God's commandments

People think that brings freedom but in fact they are steering people away from what brings us into the presence of Jesus

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NLT)

²³ You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”—but not everything is beneficial.

- Cheap grace says I can live however I want
- Costly grace says everything in our lives will not benefit us in living a holy life

“Entire sanctification is not only essential as the condition of entering heaven, but... it is also necessary for the highest results of the Christian life on earth” – Dougan Clark 1785-1854

Recently a well-known pastor was asked about the subject of sexual immorality, their response was, “It’s not our place to tell anyone how they should live”

- We should never condemn people for their lifestyle
- We should always preach the truth
- The truth will make you free

The apostles didn’t worry about being politically correct in preaching the gospel

Acts 26:19–20 (NLT)

¹⁹ “And so, King Agrippa, I obeyed that vision from heaven. ²⁰ I preached first to those in Damascus, then in Jerusalem and throughout all Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that all must repent of their sins and turn to God—and **prove they have changed by the good things they do.**

In Caesarea the apostles are put on trial in before Felix
He later invites them to tell him and his wife about faith in
Christ Jesus

Acts 24:24–25 (The Message)

A few days later Felix and his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish, sent for Paul and listened to him talk about a life of believing in Jesus Christ. As Paul continued to insist on right relations with God and his people, about a life of moral discipline and the coming Judgment, Felix felt things getting a little too close for comfort and dismissed him. “That’s enough for today. I’ll call you back when it’s convenient.”

- NLT – “Felix became frightened”
- Paul’s words made them uncomfortable

How does this stack up against the way many churches are not preaching the full Gospel of Grace?

We are never called to preach a seeker sensitive Gospel

- Some people say it’s not the preachers job to convict with our messages
- They say that’s the job of the Holy Spirit

2 Timothy 4:2 (NLT)

²Preach the word of God. Be prepared, whether the time is favorable or not. Patiently correct, rebuke, and encourage your people with good teaching.

- This was not a mere suggestion Paul was making

2 Timothy 4:1 (NKJV)

I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom:

- Charge: a word when officials took an oath of public office
- They would call upon their “gods” to watch and listen
- The one giving the oath of office would “charge” them to do their responsibility and remember that the gods were watching

Paul wanted Timothy to know the great responsibility upon those who preach the word

A minister of the Gospel is to show people in what ways their lives are wrong

And give them the solution – Grace

1 Thessalonians 4:2–3 (NLT)

²For you remember what we taught you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³God’s will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin.

2 Timothy 1:9 (NLT)

⁹For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.