

## Brand New – 7

### Romans 6:4 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> 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)

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

### Luke 9:23 (NLT)

<sup>23</sup> 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)

<sup>11</sup> 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**

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”*

The battlefield is our mind. Our thoughts, will and emotions must be held in check.

1 Peter 2:11 (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

We have two unbeatable forces that enable us to live out of our new nature!

Passionate love

John 14:15 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> “If you love Me, \* keep My commandments.

○ Footnote: \* “you will keep”

Revelation 2:5 (NLT)

<sup>5</sup> Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first.

## Holy Fear

### 2 Corinthians 7:1 (NLT)

1 Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God.

- As we mature He perfects holiness in us
- Cleansing ourselves should be a process
- A “spirit of fear” and “the fear of the Lord” are not the same thing
- There is a difference in being afraid of God and having a holy reverence
- We are only scared when we have something to hide
- When we reverence Him as holy we come into His presence and He cleanses us from sin

### Exodus 20:20 (NLT)

<sup>20</sup> “Don’t be afraid,” Moses answered them, “for God has come in this way to test you, and so that your fear of him will keep you from sinning!”

- Being afraid and fearing God are two different things
- Holy fear gives God the place of glory He deserves; we quake and tremble before Him in profound awe
- We fear being away from God!
- We embrace His heart by esteeming His desires above all others including ourselves
- We love what He love
- We hate what He hates

### Proverbs 8:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> All who fear (love) the LORD will hate evil.

### Proverbs 16:6 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> Unfailing love and faithfulness make atonement for sin. By fearing the LORD, people avoid evil.

- When we are in Awe of Him we love to please Him

*“The concern I have is that there seems to be an overwhelming number of people who declare they love Jesus, yet their lifestyle would cause you to think otherwise”*

I think the answer is, they love Jesus but don't fear God

- How else could people in love with Jesus fall into habitual, even gross sin?
- How can millions of Jesus lovers live immoral lives?
- They worship, are actively involved in “Church” yet are promiscuous, bound to pornography, drink excessively, divorce for no scriptural reason
- Could it be that we can profess love for someone you really don't know?
- Could millions of Christians and love a fictitious Jesus?

Consider: Robin Williams – Actor – Facebook: like if you remember him, share if you miss him

Johnny Depp might have a few more wrinkles than you think

If they were to meet these celebrities on the street, you would find they might be a different person than you “Love”

In the name of Grace we’ve created a God that meets our selfish lifestyle and proclaimed that to be the true God

**Exodus 32:4, 5, 8 (NKJV)** *Aaron and the people are tired of waiting so they throw in their earrings and jewelry*

<sup>4</sup> And he received *the gold* from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said, “*This is your god*, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

<sup>5</sup> So when Aaron saw *it*, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “*Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD.*”

<sup>8</sup> They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “*This is your god*, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!”

- Verses 4&8: Elohiym – 90% of the time describes God, 10% a false god
- Verse 5: YHWH or Jehovah – so sacred that Hebrew writers wouldn’t write the vowels – always used for God other than this instance

The whole nation other than Moses acknowledged that this was Jehovah God who delivered them

Something they created in an image that caused them to live a lifestyle of selfishness

### Exodus 32:6 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

*“Any objection to the carryings on of our present golden-calf Christianity is met with the triumphant reply, "But we are winning them!" And winning them to what? To true discipleship? To cross-carrying? To self-denial? To separation from the world? To crucifixion of the flesh? To holy living? To nobility of character? To a despising of the world's treasures? To hard self-discipline? To love for God? To total committal to Christ? Of course the answer to all these questions is no.”*

— A.W. Tozer, Man: The Dwelling Place of God

### Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction.

- This cannot be scriptural knowledge
- Jesus said the Pharisees and lawyers didn't know Him
- There is a fear of the Lord that will cause us to “Know Him” intimately

## Proverbs 2:5 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup>Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.

- When we consider God's word, *commands*, hidden treasure

2 Corinthians 11:4, 21 (NLT) <sup>4</sup> You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed.

- Paul is warning them about the spiritual pride they are getting because of their gifted teachers, etc.

## 2 Corinthians 12:21 (NLT)

<sup>21</sup> Yes, I am afraid that when I come again, God will humble me in your presence. And I will be grieved because many of you have not given up your old sins. You have not repented of your impurity, sexual immorality, and eagerness for lustful pleasure.

- He then writes that they should test themselves to see if they are in the faith
- He writes that they should become mature and deal with gossip, slander, arrogance, jealousy, disorderly behavior, sexual morality and lust
- He states he doesn't want to deal harshly when he comes but would rather strengthen them
- The way we live shows that Jesus is among us!

We have either drifted away from Jesus or we never really knew Him

Loving a fictitious Jesus doesn't give us power to live like Him

- Without holy fear we cannot really know God
- Moses knew God intimately, he knew His voice
- Israel heard thunder and was in fear
- Moses was permitted to come close
- Israel was told to return to their tents and play church
  - Deuteronomy 5:29-30

How do we get holy fear?

We can live under the influence of the Holy Spirit who is also called “the Spirit of the fear of the Lord”

Isaiah 11:1–3 (NKJV)

There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight is in the fear of the LORD

- Not only will the Spirit of the Lord bring wisdom and understanding but the fear of the Lord
- His delight can be our delight



### Luke 11:13 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to **those who ask** him.”

Jesus was heard because of His holy fear

### Hebrews 5:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear

### Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

### 2 Timothy 2:19 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup> But God’s truth stands firm like a foundation stone with this inscription: “The LORD knows those who are his,” and “All who belong to the LORD must turn away from evil.”

- Inscription – engraved (MSG); sealed (NKJV)
- Once we give ourselves completely to Him, He doesn’t forget us
- It says “must” turn not should

## 2 Timothy 2:20–21 (NKJV)

<sup>20</sup> But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. <sup>21</sup> Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.

- If the container is clean, then we are fit for the Master's work
- Why would God pour out His Spirit into dirty containers?
- Note: \*cleanses himself\*

Clean water becomes dirty when poured into a dirty container

The Holy Spirit is the One who restrains “lawlessness”

## 2 Thessalonians 2:7 (NKJV)

<sup>7</sup> For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way.

We have seen a decline in moral behavior

The Holy Spirit functions in flesh and blood containers

He is taken out of the way because of the lack of clean vessels to be poured into

This is because we are increasingly proclaiming a gospel that doesn't have any power for transformation

We are satisfied with good entertainment and a cheap gospel that says we don't have to change

The way to change our country and the world is not by merely voting the right person into office or picketing outside of abortion clinics or lobbying our government

The only way to battle lawlessness is to yield to the empowerment of God's grace and live a holy life

**Galatians 5:24–25 (NKJV)**

<sup>24</sup> And those *who are* Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit.**

Discernment

**Hebrews 5:14 (NKJV)**

<sup>14</sup> But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

- Our heart has 5 senses
- Taste and sight – **Psalms 34:8**
- Hearing – **Matthew 11:15**
- Touch – **2 Corinthians 6:17**
- Smell – **2 Corinthians 2:14**