

Brand New

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God's Grace is so much more than forgiveness. That's just the beginning. God has given us all the power we need to live godly lives in this world. And eternal life beyond that.

However, to experience the fullness of this New life there are some things we need to do.

Our culture has expected a "Cheap Grace" God's grace is costly. It cost Him the life of His Precious Son Jesus. It will cost us turning our back on our former life and living in obedience to the plan that He has drawn out clearly in His word.

The "Good News" is He has made the power that raised Jesus from the dead available to us. That power is the key to living "Brand New"

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 order to get the full truth of the life God has given us we must start with a good foundation

Proverbs 10:25 (NLT)

²⁵ When the storms of life come, the wicked are whirled away, but the godly have a lasting foundation.

“If you believe in the Gospel what you like, and reject what you don’t like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.”

– St. Augustine of Hippo

First things first

Romans 3:10–12 (NLT)

¹⁰ As the Scriptures say, “No one is righteous— not even one.

¹¹ No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. ¹² All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.”

- No one does good
- Not a single one
- The reason – We are born slaves of sin

Romans 6:17 (NLT)

¹⁷ Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you.

Genesis 5:3 (The Message)

When Adam was 130 years old, he had a son who was just like him, his very spirit and image, and named him Seth.

Humankind is incapable of truly knowing or practicing good;
our internal moral compass has been compromised

Only the influence of God can steer us toward what is truly good
and right

God had given authority to Adam, he gave it to Satan, God had
to come in the form of a man (Jesus) – to deliver mankind

Galatians 4:4-5 (NLT)

⁴ But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a
woman, subject to the law.

⁵ God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the
law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

- Jesus took our judgement on the cross, shed His blood and
gave His life as payment to liberate us from slavery
- He lived a perfect life
- He died and was buried
- The Spirit of God raised Him up on the third day
- He is now seated at the right hand of God Almighty who
has made this decree...

Romans 10:9–10 (NLT)

⁹ If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your
heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰ For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right
with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are
saved.

The moment we receive Christ a miracle takes place. Our nature of sin and death instantly passes away, and a “Brand New” person is born, created in the very image of Christ – this is our Real Being!

Colossians 3:3 (NLT)

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

- Our physical body is still corrupt and will one-day pass away
- New life comes entirely as a gift through God’s grace
- God’s way is in no way attached to any good behavior

It’s important for us to understand something that seems to be eluding the westernized Church

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

Most western believers confess Jesus as merely Savior – this does not bring freedom

- The word savior is found 36 times in the Bible
- The word lord occurs over 7,800 times
- Savior describes the work He has done
- Lord declares a position He has in your life

Because most people only accept Jesus as Savior they still possess a spiritual nature that is corrupt and evil

Our lives must be submitted to and built upon His Lordship if we are going to see a transformation in our lives

Trish is my wife:

She is smart, beautiful, sweet, bubbly and my best friend. She is a great cook. She does laundry, keeps the house clean. She is full of the joy of the Lord. She is a great mother and companion.

- I don't call her my smart, sweet, bubbly, housekeeping, joyful cook
- When I refer to her I call her my wife
- All of the other things are benefits
- Wife speaks of the position she holds in my life
- I was once single yet now I belong to her
- We are no longer just dating – The two become one
- I benefit from the person she is; being married to her has altered the way I live my life for good – I honor her

1 Peter 3:6–7 (NLT)

⁶For instance, Sarah obeyed her husband, Abraham, and called him her **master**. You are her daughters when you do what is right without fear of what your husbands might do.

⁷In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

Colossians 2:6–7 (NLT)

⁶ And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. ⁷ Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.

- God desires our freedom and loves us perfectly
- He is our savior but he is also King of kings and Lord of lords
- He will not come into our lives as second to anything else

You Must Deny Yourself

Mark 8:34–35 (NLT)

³⁴ Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, **you must** turn from your selfish ways, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.

- What does this mean?
- Simply, you cannot serve two masters
- We will love the one and hate the other – **Luke 16:13**
- When we receive him as Lord, *Supreme Master*, His nature is on the inside and **now we can choose** who we will serve

Romans 6:20–22 (NLT)

²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. ²¹ And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. ²² But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life.

- When Jesus is Lord we want to please Him
- Our nature has changed and His grace empowers us to live a holy life
- We are no longer controlled by our selfish nature
- We have been made one by the Spirit of God
- We have a genuine relationship with Him that changes us from the inside
- It's not about rules – it's about submission to Him as Lord
- Its motivation is love not works

Luke 6:46 (NLT)

⁴⁶ “So why do you keep calling me ‘Lord, Lord!’ when you don’t do what I say?”

- Democracy has worked in America and other countries but the Kingdom of God is not a democracy
- Jesus is a King and Lord
- He needs to be our supreme authority
- Remember when Adam and Eve tried to reason outside of what God had clearly said

Take Up Your Cross

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

²⁰ My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

- We are no longer independent feeding from the tree of evaluation of what is good and evil
- We now live in Him – our very life is drawn from Him
- We depend on the provision of the cross

Romans 6:4 (NLT)

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Galatians 5:24 (NLT)

²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Galatians 6:14 (NLT)

¹⁴ As for me, may I never boast about anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Because of that cross, my interest in this world has been crucified, and the world's interest in me has also died.

Romans 6:6–7 (NLT)

⁶ We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. ⁷ For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin.

- The power of the cross not only frees us from sin but enables us to live obedient lives
- What was previously impossible is now possible
- Not in our feeble ability but by God's Spirit
- The Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead
- The very Power of God!

1 Corinthians 1:18 (NLT)

¹⁸ The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is **the very power of God.**

- We can now imitate God
- We can now follow Jesus

Ephesians 5:1 (NLT)

Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.

1 John 2:1–6 (NLT)

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. ² He himself is the sacrifice that atones for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.

³ And we can be sure that we know him if we obey his commandments. ⁴ If someone claims, “I know God,” but doesn’t obey God’s commandments, that person is a liar and is not living in the truth. ⁵ But those who obey God’s word truly show how completely they love him. That is how we know we are living in him. ⁶ Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

- John’s intention for writing this letter is so we will not sin
 - Our life should be making a progression away from sin
- If we do, we have an advocate
- Obeying His commands is a sign of knowing Him
- Jesus said eternal life was knowing the Father and the Son
 - **John 17:3**
- When we know God we have a revelation of His love
- When we know His Love we love Him and obey
- Living in God’s love empowers us to live as Jesus did