

LIVING THE ETERNAL LIFE NOW

SESSION THREE:
GRACE AS DAY TO DAY REALITY.
HOW TO GROW IN GRACE.

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WE ARE SAVED BY GRACE

- The Biblical understanding of salvation and being saved is deliverance.
- We are “delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred into the Kingdom of the Son of His love.” Col. 1:13
- Sin is no longer our master because we are under grace. Rom. 6:14

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WHAT GRACE IS

- Grace is God acting. Acting in our lives to accomplish what we cannot accomplish on our own.
- Of course, it is unmerited favor.
But it is not just for guilt, it is for life.
- II Cor. 9:8; Rom. 5:17; Heb. 4:16

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GRACE BEYOND SIN

- We were created to live from God's interaction with us.
- If we had never sinned we would still need grace to live the life God intended.
- Grace is a gift, creativity, that makes our life together full and strong. Eph. 4:29

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THE CHEERFUL GIVER

- Why does God love a cheerful giver?
2 Cor. 9:7
- Because they enter into the abundance of God's creation.
- They enter the realm of grace.
- They trust God as giver.
- First steps in Kingdom living are giving and prayer.

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MINISTRY IS GRACE

- Paul's ministry to Gentiles was a "Grace."
Eph. 3:10
- Grace in life and in ministry conveys power to accomplish more than human deeds.
Eph. 3:7, 16, 20; 4:7.
- Grace and attainment. 1 Cor. 15:10
- Power and character. Col. 1:11

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GRACE NOT INACTION

- Putting off the ‘old’ person and putting on the ‘new.’ Col. 3:10, Eph. 4:23-24.
- We meet grace in acting with expectation. John 14:15-16.
- Grace is not opposed to action, but is opposed to earning.

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“KNOWING CHRIST”

- Knowing or knowledge in scripture and in real life is interactive relationship.
- That is the life of grace—God acting in our life.
- Paul’s turn from “flesh” (Phil. 3:4-7) in order to “know Christ.” vs. 8-10.

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GROWING IN ETERNAL LIVING

- To grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus is to increase the extent to which every thing in life is presented as a receptacle of the grace and power of God.
- It is to “seek those things that are above.” (Col. 3:1-4) it is to find the Kingdom of God everywhere.

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Do all the **good** you can
By all the **means** you can
In all the **ways** you can
In all the **places** you can
At all the **times** you can
To all the **people** you can
As long as you ever can

John Wesley

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GRACE AND MOMENT TO MOMENT LIVING

- It is by devotion to what is good under the action of God (grace) that we reclaim the creation covenant given by God in Genesis 1:26.
- Thus our lives are “saved by His life.” (Rom. 5:10) into eternity. Rev. 22:5