Living in His Grace Sunday Morning, July 27, 2014

Thesis:

Is Life Full of Grace and Focused on Christ the Lord?

Introduction:

Last Week -Justified - Saved Sanctified - Being Saved Glorified - Future Body and Promised Future

This Week -

Let's consider God's Grace (that justifies us and helps us live each day so that we are Sanctified).

I. The Law Condemned Us, But Grace Saves Us! (Romans 6:14)

For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

<mark>(Romans 8: 1 – 2)</mark>

1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Saved From the Power of Sin

<mark>(Hebrews 7: 18 – 19)</mark>

18 For on the one hand there is an annulling of the former commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness,

19 for the law made nothing perfect; on the other hand, there is the bringing in of a better hope, through which we draw near to God.

(II Corinthians 3: 7 – 8)

7 But if the ministry of death, written and engraved on stones, was glorious, so that the children of Israel could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of the glory of his countenance, which glory was passing away, 8 how will the ministry of the Spirit not be more glorious?

<mark>(John 1: 14 – 17)</mark>

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

15 John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me."

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

17 For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

The Law Condemned Us Grace Saves Us!

II. Grace is Not Just for Receiving, But For Living by Faith in His Grace! (Titus 2: 11 – 12)

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,

Grace Enables Godly Lives

(II Peter 3: 18)

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

Grace is Meant for Sanctification

(Acts 20:32)

"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

God and His Grace Will Build You Up!

<mark>(Colossians 3: 1 – 4)</mark>

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Set Your Hearts and Mind on Christ!

Conclusion:

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