

We Believe in Sin, We Believe in Grace

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Thoughts about Sin and Grace

We Believe in Sin

*There is so much bad in the best of men,
That salvation by grace is the only possibility.*

We Believe in Grace

*There is not so much bad in the worst of men,
That salvation by grace is an impossibility.*

This We Believe:

*Salvation by grace, and grace alone,
Is essential for the best of men,
And sufficient for the worst of men.*

*Salvation that is solely by grace, and wholly by grace,
Is the only salvation that intermeshes with Bible truth.*

I. Primitive Baptists believe in sin (the way the Bible describes it)

A. Sinners by the original sin

1. The original sin

[Gen 3:6](#) ..she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2. The doctrine of original sin

[Rom 5:12](#) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

B. Sinners by nature

1. A person does not become a sinner when he commits his first sin

2. A person commits sin because he is a sinner by nature

3. Adam's fallen nature is passed on to his offspring

[Gen 5:3](#) And Adam...begat *a son* in his own likeness, after his image...

Job 14:4 Who can bring a clean *thing* out of an unclean? not one.

4. From conception, at birth and as children—People are judged to be sinners

Psa 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psa 58:3 ...they go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

Gen 8:21 ...for the imagination of man's heart *is* evil from his youth...

5. We were all children of wrath by our very nature

Eph 2:3 ...and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

C. Sinners by practice

1. All are sinners

Rom 3:10 ...There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:12 ...there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

2. Sins of the tongue

Jas 3:8 But the tongue can no man tame; *it is* an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.

a. Whisperers—Backbiters—Slanderers—Talebearers—Etc.

b. Foolish talk and jesting

Eph 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting...but rather giving of thanks

c. Corrupt communications

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

d. Idle words

Mat 12:36 But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

3. Sins of the heart

Jer 17:9 The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Mat 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

4. Sins of the mind—Anger—Covetousness

Mat 5:22 ...whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment...

Exo 20:17 Thou shalt not covet...

5. Sins of omission

Jas 4:17 Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth *it* not, to him it is sin.

Mat 25:45 ...Inasmuch as ye did *it* not to one of the least of these, ye did *it* not to me.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment...

6. Jesus' standard

Luk 6:27 ...Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

7. All are judged to be sinners

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us...

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar...

8. 'Little sinners' are as guilty as 'big sinners

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

9. A man never ceases to be a sinner

Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

10. All are guilty

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

D. Man is impotent to recover himself by his own will and ability

1. An unborn again natural man has no will to come to God (He has no ‘want to’)

a. An unborn again natural man will not come

Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.

—An unborn again natural man is a hater of God

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters...

—An unborn again natural mind thinks of God as an enemy

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God...

—An unborn again natural man has no fear of God

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

—An unborn natural man will not seek the God that he does not think about

Psa 10:4 The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek *after God*: God *is* not in all his thoughts.

—Things of the spiritual realm seem foolish to an unborn again natural man

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him...

b. What would motivate a man who thinks like this to come to God?

2. Unborn again natural man has no ability to come to God (He has no ‘can do’)

a. An unborn again natural man cannot come to Christ

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...

—An unborn again natural man cannot know spiritual things

1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God...neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

—An unborn again natural man cannot understand

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

—An unborn again natural man cannot see

Joh 3:3 ...Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

—An unborn again natural man cannot enter

Joh 3:5 ...Except a man be born of water and *of* the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

—An unborn again natural man cannot hear

Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.

—An unborn again natural man cannot believe

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

—An unborn again natural man cannot be converted

Joh 12:40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted...

—An unborn again natural man cannot please God

Heb 11:6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*...

—An unborn again natural man cannot cease from sin

2Pe 2:14 Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin...

—An unborn again natural man cannot be subject to God

Rom 8:7 ...the carnal mind...is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

—An unborn again natural ‘cannot’ cannot become a spiritual ‘can’

Jer 13:23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? *then* may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

b. How can an unborn again natural man with all these ‘cannots’ come to God?

3. Regeneration is likened to a birth

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth...so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

—Can a man cause his own birth? —What did you do before you were you?

4. Regeneration is likened to a resurrection from the dead

Eph 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins;

Joh 5:25 ...The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

—Can the dead raise himself? —How dead is dead?

5. Regeneration is likened to a new creation

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature...

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works...

—Can the uncreated create itself? —Did Adam help God create Adam?

II. Primitive Baptists believe in grace (the way the Bible describes it)

A. The sovereign God of sovereign grace

1. God is the sovereign God—He does His sovereign will

Isa 46:9 ...I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me,

Isa 46:10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:

Isa 46:11 ...yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

Dan 4:35 ...he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and *among* the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?

2. God's sovereign purpose is to save by grace

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

B. God's election of a vast host of people is to the praise of the glory of His grace

1. Election is as essential to salvation as crucifixion and 'born again'

2. Since man cannot come—God has to be the one who has the ability to come

3. Since man will not come—God has to be the one who has the will to come

4. Since man will not choose God—God has to be the one to do the choosing

5. God had to (and did) choose the individuals that He would come to and save

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Eph 1:5 Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace...

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 9:11 (For *the children* being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth:)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

Rom 9:16 So then *it is* not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that sheweth mercy.

Rom 9:21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?

Rom 9:22 *What* if God, willing to shew *his* wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,

Rom 9:24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

C. God gave His elect people to Christ in the Covenant of Grace before time began

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 10:26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Joh 17:6 ...thine they were, and thou gavest them me...

Joh 17:9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

Joh 17:24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory ...

Heb 2:13 ...Behold I and the children which God hath given me.

D. Christ earned righteousness, justification and eternal life for all who were 'in' him

Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus...

Eph 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...

Eph 1:6 ...he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,

Eph 1:10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ...

Eph 1:11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

1. The idea of receiving what a man earned by being 'in' the man

1Co 15:21 For since by man *came* death, by man *came* also the resurrection of the dead.

1Co 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

2. As 'in Adam'—Even so 'in Christ'

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

E. The accomplishments in the finished work of Christ

1. Christ is our redemption (pays our debt, buys us back)

Gal 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,

Gal 4:5 To redeem them that were under the law...

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

2. Christ cleanses us from and removes sins from us (purifies us in the sight of God)

Psa 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, *so* far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isa 43:25 I, *even* I, *am* he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Heb 8:12 ...and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Rev 1:5 ...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

3. Christ is our reconciliation (makes God to be at peace with us)

2Co 5:18 ...God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

4. Christ is our acceptance (makes us acceptable to God)

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

5. Christ is our substitution (suffers God's wrath because of our sins in our place)

Isa 53:4 Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

Isa 53:5 But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

Isa 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

6. Christ is our remission (removal of the consequences of sin)

Mat 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 10:18 Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin.

7. Christ is our forgiveness (the same Greek word as is translated remission)

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

8. Christ is our righteousness (God accounts Christ's righteousness as ours)

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

9. Christ is our perfection

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

10. Christ satisfied God

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

11. Christ is our justification (the legal declaration of righteousness and innocence)

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

Rom 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God *be* for us, who *can be* against us?

Rom 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

12. Christ is our salvation

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given *us* in Christ Jesus before the world began,

F. The accomplishments by the workings of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit gives the new birth —He calls the dead to spiritual life

a. God's children are regenerated by Holy Spirit

Tit 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

b. The 'effectual call' —(The moving of the Spirit in order to born again)

2Ti 1:9 Who hath...called *us* with an holy calling...

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

1Co 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1Co 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

2. The Spirit brings from birth to maturity —Guides toward living a spiritual life

a. He converts the already born again to the ways of Christ

Luk 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

Luk 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

b. He sanctifies (Leads us toward holiness)

Psa 110:3 Thy people *shall be* willing in the day of thy power...

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

G. Preservation (perseverance) of God's children: We shall never fall finally away

1. Perseverance—(*Webster's 1828 Dictionary*)

— 'In theology, the continuance in a state of grace to a state of glory'

a. God's children do not maintain continual perseverance in a holy walk

Luk 22:61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

Luk 22:62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

b. Yet the Spirit's influence within our souls perseveres

2Pe 2:7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

2Pe 2:8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed *his* righteous soul from day to day with *their* unlawful deeds;)

2. Jesus declared that there would be final preservation in grace

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

3. Election demands that there will be final preservation in grace

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

4. The Covenant of Grace demands that there will be final preservation in grace

Joh 6:38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

5. God's purpose demands that there will be final preservation in grace

2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

6. God's immutability demands that there will be final preservation in grace

Mal 3:6 For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

7. God's wisdom demands that there will be final preservation in grace

2Sa 14:14 For we must needs die, and *are* as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God respect *any* person: yet doth he devise means, that his banished be not expelled from him.

8. God's power demands that there will be final preservation in grace

Isa 59:1 Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save...

9. God's justice regarding Jesus' finished work demands final preservation

—Jesus accomplished salvation for each and every one He died for

—Jesus paid the debt in full for every individual He died for

—Jesus spotlessly cleansed every individual He died for

—Jesus reconciled to God every individual He died for

—Jesus took the wrath of God for every individual He died for

—Jesus hath saved every individual He died for

—God declared every individual Jesus died for to be righteous

—God justified every individual Jesus died for

—Every individual Jesus died for must get to heaven

—If they are—Paid for—Cleansed—Reconciled—Justified—Saved

—What can keep a one Jesus died for out of heaven?

—The point is that every person Jesus died for has been saved

—Every individual Jesus died for has to finally get to heaven

—So if Jesus died for all people, then all people must get to heaven

—Yet the Bible is clear that all people will not be in heaven

—The Bible's answer is that Jesus did not die for all people

—Jesus died for God's elect people

—Jesus died for the ones the Father had given Him

—Jesus died for His people, and saved every one of them from their sins

—Each, and every, one Jesus died for must end up in heaven with Jesus

10. Regeneration demands that there will be final preservation in grace

a. God finishes what He starts

Php 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform *it* until the day of Jesus Christ:

b. The effectual call is to eternal life

Joh 5:25 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live.

Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

c. God is faithful to His call

1Co 1:8 Who shall also confirm you unto the end, *that ye may be* blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Co 1:9 God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1Th 5:24 Faithful *is* he that calleth you, who also will do *it*.

11. The unbreakable chain demands that there will be final preservation in grace

Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.