
Our Christian Identity: 1 Peter

[#9] Grace Turns Life Upside Down – 1 Peter 3:13-22

Sermon Outline – July 31, 2016

Children's Sermon: God's Grace

James 4:6b

“God opposes the proud, but gives *grace* to the humble.”

❖ Where/What is Heaven?

❖ What can you offer God to get into heaven?

You can only offer God what he has given you to offer Him

Transition: Gospel Grace from 3 Angles (Timothy Keller)

❖ Good News! Adoption by Grace; & Up is Down...

Common Grace

Notes:

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good?

Born & Shaped by Grace (Saving Grace)

Today's Biblical Bullet...

God's Grace changes everything!

Grace for Us (News & Status)

¹⁸ For **Christ also suffered once for sins**, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God...

➤ **Jesus Suffered...** (News)

✓ Somebody has to pay...

✓ Jesus has paid!

➤ **...for Our Sins...** (Status: deserved)

✓ We love God's stuff not God (**the prodigal sons**)

✓ We need to be saved from our service!

(C. H. Spurgeon: the carrot and the horse)

Romans 7:24–25a

²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

➤ **He Brings us to God...** (Status: received by grace)

✓ Adopted Children!

Galatians 4:4–6 (Cf. 1 Pet. 1:8–9; Eph. 1:4–7; Titus 3:5–7)

⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive *adoption as sons*. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

Grace in Us (Up is Down...)

¹⁴ But even *if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake*, you **will be blessed**. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts **honor Christ the Lord as holy**, always being prepared *to make a defense* to anyone who asks¹ you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when **you are slandered**, those who *revile your good behavior in Christ* may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, *if that should be God’s will*, than for doing evil.

➤ **Suffer for Righteousness...** (good behavior in Christ)

✓ No Fear (Lawless; Pharisees)

✓ Honor as Holy...

✓ Prepared *to make a defense* (gentleness & respect)

¹ “to ask for with urgency, even to the point of demanding...‘to plead for.’ ” Ibid. (p. 406).

Understanding Grace Born Righteousness (Trust & Obedience)

How is it that so many people cannot see what we see?

Answer: We are wired for self-righteousness.

¹⁸ For **Christ also suffered once for sins**, the righteous for the unrighteous, that **he might bring us to God**, being put to death in the flesh but made alive *[by] the Spirit*, ¹⁹ in [whom] **he** went and **proclaimed** to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ *because* they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water.

²¹ **Baptism**, which corresponds to this, **now saves you**, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as **an appeal to God** for a good conscience, **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ**, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A God-given, Christ-righteousness is alien to us...

Why was Noah "reckoned" righteous?

Why are we "reckoned" righteous?

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...Fired at our Life & Heart

God's Grace changes our understanding of sin.

God's Grace changes our understanding of His love.

God's Grace changes the way we live.

A Self-Righteous Rejection of God is Our Core Sin

- ✓ The Lawless...
- ✓ The “Good People”...

God’s Gracious Love Overcomes Our Rebellion by Taking Our Place!

God Has Completely Removed Any Self-Interest as a Motivation for Obedience

2 Corinthians 5:14–15 (HCSB)

¹⁴ *For Christ’s love compels us*, since we have reached this conclusion: If One died for all, then all died. ¹⁵ And He died for all so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for the One who died for them and was raised.