

WHAT GRACE LIVING MEANS

LIVING ACCORDING TO THE GRACE STANDARD

“For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ. Now As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: ...”
- Colossians 2:5-6

1. Traditional approaches

- a. Adding traditions & philosophy – baptisms, seeker-friendly, self-help
 - i. You are complete in Christ - Col 2:9-10
- b. Law-keeping – Mat 19:17, Mat 24:13
 - i. You are not under the law - Gal 3:2-3; Col 2:14-17
- c. Asceticism “neglecting the body” – Mark 9:29; 12:41-44; Luke 18:10-14
 - i. You are dead with Christ – Col 2:20; Gal 2:20

2. Grace Living – Grace living is simple. It is not easy.

- a. What Grace Living is NOT:
 - i. Licentiousness – Eph 5:6; Rom 6:1
 - ii. It is not about you – Phil 1:21, 2:21
- b. Grace teaches us Titus 2:11-12
- c. **Faithfulness – God’s faithfulness**
 - i. Gal 1:4 - we live in a present evil world – but God is faithful
 - ii. Deut 7:9 - to those that love him; Rom 5:8 - faithful to those that don’t
 - iii. Gal 2:16-21 - the faith of Jesus Christ (Rom 3:22)
 - iv. 1 Cor 10:13 - God is faithful - 2 Tim 2:13 - he abideth faithful
 - v. Faithfulness begets righteousness
- d. **Hope – Patience for His coming**
 - i. Col 1:23 - hope of the gospel.... which is the mystery.
 - ii. Titus 3:7 - the hope of eternal life...
 - iii. 2 Thess 2:16 - the hope through grace
 - iv. 2 Thess 3:5 - patient waiting of Christ
 - v. Rom 8:18 - reckon the sufferings...
 - vi. Patience begets sobriety
- e. **Charity – Love – The love of Christ – 2 Cor 5:14**
 - i. Deut 5:9-10 - love to those that love him - 2 Cor 5:14- love to all
 - ii. Gal 5:1, 5:13 - by love serve one another – Col 2:2 - knit together...
 - iii. Put on the bond of perfect ness – charity – Col 3:14
 - iv. Eph 3:16-18 - strength comes from the love of Christ (Rom 5:5)
 - v. The truth in love – Eph 4:15
 - vi. Let all things be done in charity – 1 Cor 16:13-15
 - vii. Charity begets godliness