

# GRACE LIVING MADE SIMPLE

## HOW GRACE TEACHES US TO LIVE IN THIS PRESENT WORLD

*"As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him..."*

*~ Colossians 2:6*

### 1. Live by What God Gives

- a. What truth God gives; you live by - Col 2:6
- b. Salvation is a gift by the grace of God - Rom 5:1-8, Eph 2:8, Titus 2:11
- c. God gives grace in Jesus Christ and him crucified - 1 Cor 2:2, 12

### 2. Grace Teaches Us

- a. Grace living is not a) works, b) carnal/licentious, c) about you - it is Christ in you.
- b. Grace gives eternal life, and teaches us to live now, too - Col 2:7, Titus 2:12
- c. Beware, you can be spoiled, deceived, beguiled to live not after Christ - Col 2:8

### 3. Live Righteously

- a. Grace gives knowledge which teaches us to live righteously (by faith).
- b. Life lesson → Walk by what you know according to the Bible rightly divided. Ro 14:14
  - i. Increase faith by hearing the word of God, learning what Christ does for you.
- c. Philosophy teaches: "Christ died for you, but life requires more", psychiatry, wisdom
- d. Tradition teaches: baptisms, angels, prayers, priests, places, programs - Mark 7:8
  - i. Grace teaches: You are complete in Christ - Col 2:9-10
- e. Law teaches: days, months, seasons, suppers, "keep moral law", tithing, psalms
  - i. Grace teaches: You are not under the law - Gal 3:2-3; Col 2:14-17
- f. Discipline teaches: "neglecting the body" - Mk 9:29, 12:41-44; Lk 18:10-14, Col 2:23
  - i. Grace teaches: You are already dead with Christ - Col 2:20; Gal 2:20

### 4. Live Soberly

- a. Grace gives the hope of glory which teaches us to live soberly.
- b. Life lesson → Do not be moved by trouble or prosperity. Acts 20:24, Phi 4:12-13
  - i. Set your eyes and desire on Christ in glory, where you will be - Col 3:2-4
- c. Sobriety is the temperance that comes from focusing on something better.
  - i. Present time sufferings not incomparable to glory to come - Rom 8:18
- d. Hope is not a wish - but an anchor in storm, light in dark, map on road
  - i. "hope of eternal life" Titus 3:7, "good hope through grace" - 2 Thess 2:16
  - ii. "watch and be sober" - 1 Thess 5:6-8, "patient waiting" - 2 Thess 3:5
  - iii. Sober men start to measure the time - Eph 5:15-18
  - iv. Sober men start measuring how things profit - 1 Cor 6:12, 10:23, 1 Tim 4:8

### 5. Live Godly

- a. Grace gives the love of God in the cross which teaches us to live godly.
- b. Life lesson - Devote yourself to seeing others benefit from the grace you received.
  - i. Godly ~def. According to the will and mind of God. 1 Tim 2:4

- ii. We "which live should ... live unto him which died for" us - 2 Cor 5:15
- c. Godliness is fulfilled through God's love and truth in us toward others - Eph 4:15, 32
  - i. Denying ungodliness (no desire for the things of God), live godly - Phi 2:3, 21
  - ii. You're crucified, have liberty, "by love serve one another" - Gal 2:20, 5:13, 6:2
  - iii. Jesus: It is more blessed to give than to receive - Acts 20:35
  - iv. Charity "rejoiceth in the truth" working in other people - 1 Cor 13:6

## **6. To Live is Christ**

- a. By grace a more excellent way now abides: faith, hope, charity - 1 Cor 12:31, 13:13
- b. Paul presents a pattern for grace living - Phi 1:21-25
  - i. To live is Christ - His faith now - righteously in this present world
  - ii. To die is gain - His hope for later - soberly in this present world
  - iii. "is more needful for you" - His charity toward them.
- c. *"be followers together of me"* - Phi 3:17