

# GRACE AMBASSADORS

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## Decent People do not exist

Part IV in a series on This Present Evil World

### **Purpose:**

Unless we continually fertilize the fruits of the Spirit, we will fall snare to the works of our flesh.

### **Outline:**

1. **Why do bad things happen?**
  - a. Luke 10:30-33 – Sinful people make choices
2. **The Resume of Sinful Man**
  - a. Romans 5:12 – sin entered by one man – We sin because we are sinners!
  - b. Genesis 4 – hatred, wrath, murder, envying
  - c. Genesis 6:5 – wickedness was great – imagination was evil continually
  - d. Genesis 11 – the whole world was again in rebellion against God
  - e. Romans 5:19-20, 11:32 – God hath concluded them all in unbelief
3. **Character Traits of Sinful Man**
  - a. Goals of the flesh, motivations
    - i. Col 3:2 – affections of things on the earth
    - ii. 1 John 2:15-16 – worldly things (Col 3:1-3)
    - iii. 1 Tim 6:5, 10 – the love of money (Prov 16:9, 10, 2, 11:4)
    - iv. 2 Tim 3:4 – lovers of pleasure more than of God (Eph 1:4-6, 2:10)
  - b. Attributes – Signs of the flesh
    - i. Romans 1:29-32 – reprobate man, things that are not convenient
    - ii. Ephesians 5:3-6 – the children of disobedience, worthy of wrath
    - iii. Galatians 5:19-21 – the works of the flesh
    - iv. 2 Tim 3:2-5 – description of man in the last days
4. **Living with sinful flesh – Phil 2:21**
  - a. Destitute of the truth – the behavior is after the flesh.
  - b. Mark 7:21-23 – out of the heart proceedeth these actions – Jeremiah 17:9
  - c. Titus 3:3-5 – we were once – but now we are not
    - i. Gal 5:17 – the flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh
    - ii. Gal 5:22 – Combat flesh fruit with Spirit fruit
      1. Love, Joy, Peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance
5. **Servants of Righteousness**
  - a. Romans 6:6, 18-22 – we do not serve sin
    - i. Liberty in Sin – As long as you are not obedient, no respecter of God
    - ii. Liberty in Christ – Subject to the Spirit, enslaved to righteousness
  - b. Romans 7:18 – There is no good thing in us
  - c. Romans 8:2-3 – We are set free from sin and death!
  - d. Eph 5:8 – but now are ye in light!
  - e. Romans 3:21 – righteousness of God without the law
  - f. Galatians 5:24 – they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh
  - g. We should stand guard against the temptation of the flesh
6. **What to do with 'decent' people?**
  - a. Set them free! Give them the fruit of the Spirit, and then show them how they can be set free from death and the wrath of God
  - b. Our Mission: Eph 3:9-10; 1 Tim 2:4