

## A Traveler's Guide: Learning to Gospel One-Another

God is Gracious - so I don't have to prove myself

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1 Pet 1:3-6; 10-12; Lk 24:13-27; Lk 15:11ff

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*the grace that was to be yours - 1 Pet 1:10*

### **God is Gracious - so I don't have to prove myself**

- Gospel is all about Jesus - His work, His righteousness
- Christianity NOT about making ourselves acceptable to God – we can't
  - Other religions - acceptable through what I do
- Gospel Truth:
  1. We have been saved from the penalty of sin because of Jesus' life and death. (Past)
  2. We are being saved from the power of sin because of Jesus' resurrection and ascension. (Present)
  3. We will be saved from the presence of sin because of Jesus' return. (Future)
- Peter: prophesied about the grace that was to be yours! 1:10-12
- Because of Jesus – Bible all about Jesus Lk 24:13-27

### **Gracious Gospel Salvation from God:**

<b>Father</b>	Adopted Us	Family	As Family, we love God and love one another.
<b>Spirit</b>	Sent Us	Missionaries	As Missionaries, we follow the leading of the Spirit as we share and show the good news of Jesus.
<b>Son</b>	Purchased Us	Servants	As Servants, we serve King Jesus and serve others as a foretaste of the coming Kingdom

### **Never forget God's Story = God is Gracious**

- After fall, God was gracious Gen 3:15 - promised salvation
- We are to rejoice in God's great mercy! 1 Pet 1:3-6
- Remember what Jesus has done Rom 8:1-4
- God is gracious: Ex 34:6-7; Nu 14:18; Ps 86:5,15; Joel 2:13
- We often lose sight of this: consider Lk 15:11ff prodigal son
  - son didn't desire relationship
  - Father was graciously waiting - 15:20
- Don't forget how often you forget that God is Gracious Rom 5:8-10

### **To Think About:**

- ▶ Practice: "God is Great - so I don't have to be in control." Pick 1 or more verses to memorize that remind you of this.
- ▶ Practice: "God is Glorious - so I don't have to fear others." Pick 1 or more verses to memorize that remind you of this.
- ▶ Practice: "God is Good - so I don't have to look elsewhere for satisfaction." Pick 1 or more verses to memorize that remind you of this truth!
- ▶ Practice "God is Gracious - so I don't have to prove myself." Pick 1 or more verses to memorize that remind you of this.
- ▶ At the end of each day, ask yourself if you were frustrated, depressed, worried, etc. and then ask yourself if you are believing that God is Gracious and that Jesus' righteousness is my own so I don't have to prove myself?
- ▶ Practice using the 4 Gospel questions when reading your Bible:
  - 1) Who is God?
  - 2) What has He done?
  - 3) Who am I in light of God's work?
  - 4) How should I live in light of this? What if I believed God?
- ▶ Practice sharing these Gospel truths with others – be transparent and willing to say things like: "Wow, I was not treasuring Christ... I was... but then I realized that God is Gracious and I am accepted in the Beloved (Eph 1:6)"

### **Gospel Truths to Remember Every Moment**

- God is Great – so we don't have to be in control
- God is Glorious – so we do not have to fear others
- God is Good – so we don't have to look elsewhere
- God is Gracious – so we don't have to prove ourselves