

Lesson 5

The Grace And Mercy Of God

Grace is the unmerited favor of God.

Read: Romans 3:10-18

Who was the blind one here? What does the word fear mean to you?

We did not seek God but He chases us because His Love is so great for us. We do not fear God because of our selfishness and trying to do our own thing. “No one is going to tell me what to do!” Our sin self is so strong we give in to the craving of our heart, body, and mind to do those things that we know in our deepest self are shameful, wrong, and hurt not only ourselves but others. We also grieve the heart of God. Sin separates us from His presence. There is no person alive that has not sinned so we are all guilty.

Read: Romans 3:23

Who was the guilty one?

We have all sinned. God in Grace, [Mercy – Kindness – Undeserved Forgiveness] shown toward us, can now demonstrate this through the sacrifice of Jesus in our place making it possible for redemption [buying us back from the penalty of death]. Our redemption is in Christ Jesus, and not in ourselves.

Read: Eph 2:8-9

By what are we saved? Who gives us this gift?

We are saved by the Grace of God through Faith. There is no way that anyone could ever be good enough to earn heaven, because we have all sinned. Obedience is the inward desire to please God shown by our seeking to do those things that He requires for He wants us to be Holy.

Read: 1Pe 1:14-16

What are we supposed to be and what does this mean to you?

Jesus said that those who are Obedient will know Him. If you live after the desires of your mind, flesh, and body you will not know Him nor will you live for Him. Instead you will be judged for those things you have done in the body. Your soul will answer for the sins you chose to follow. The life you live is the testimony of what you believe. By your life fruits, you shall be known. What are you feeding those you love in this world? Destruction and death are the poison of sin; Life and Hope are the medicine for our sin. You can give your loved ones the whole world of material or emotional goods but what will that be to them if they lose their souls? You must be Obedient to the will of God revealed in His Word.

Read: Mat 7:13-23

What are we told to do? What does this mean to you?

Facts to Ponder [that means to think about]

1. You must be **Born Again**.

John 3:5-7

Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say to you, Unless a man is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

1 Peter 1:23

2 Corinthians 5:17

2. You must **Worship God** in Spirit and in Truth

John 4:22-24

You worship what you do not know, we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.

John 14:17

John 16:13

3. You must **Believe in Jesus** as the Son of God or you will be judged

John 5:24-30

Truly, truly, I say to you, He who hears My Word and believes on Him who sent Me has everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but has passed from death to life.

1 Thessalonians 4:1-9

2 John 1:7

4. You must **Follow Jesus** as Lord in Faith

John 6:37-40

All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and the *one* who comes to Me I will in no way cast out.

Matthew 10:38

John 10:27-29

5. You must **Repent and be Baptized** from living the life of rebellion.

Luke 13:3

I tell you, No. But unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.

Mark 1:8

I indeed have baptized you in water, but He shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Obedience to the Instructions of Jesus

Matthew 28:19-20

Therefore go and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things, whatever I commanded you. And, behold, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

Mark 16:15-16

And He said to them, Go into all the world, proclaim the gospel to all the creation.

He who believes and is baptized will be saved, but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Matthew 7:20-21

Acts 16:31-33

1 Peter 1:14

6. You must **Receive the Grace of God**, Believe Him and forgive yourself.

Acts 15:11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, according to which manner they also believed.

John 1:16-17

Romans 5:2

Romans 6:15-23

Questions Lesson 5

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- 1) What does it mean to be “Born Again”?
 - a. God will have us perform various rituals to look different
 - b. Reincarnation nobody ever stops being recycled
 - c. Repent and Accept Jesus as my Lord – changing my life direction and follow Him

- 2) What does Worship in Spirit and Truth mean?
 - a. Attending the right Church and giving a 10th of all I own
 - b. Truth is relative to the situation and changes
 - c. My soul has to recognize God & give Him the praise and honor for all He has done

- 3) What must you Believe to receive God’s Grace?
 - a. Everyone will be okay just believe Jesus died for them
 - b. Nobody is good anyway so just do the best you can
 - c. I must believe that Jesus died taking my sins and that He is the Son of God

- 4) What does it mean that I must Follow Jesus?
 - a. I just have to say I know Him and do my best
 - b. Do all the Church things, attend, pray, give, and do good more than bad
 - c. Write your own answer:

- 5) Obedience to what Jesus commanded us in the Bible means what?
- a. We do good things and hope for the best
 - b. We do enough good things to out weigh the bad
 - c. We do what Jesus taught us – Love God with all our Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength and our neighbor as we love ourselves. On both of these commandments all other things rest.
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- 6) How can we know what God wants us to do, how to live our lives, and love as He loves?
- a. Truth and guidance are found in the Bible
 - b. We look at a situation and pick the best thing we know to do
 - c. Do unto others before they do you or something like that
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- 7) God gives us Grace for those sins we have already done but what about what we might do?
- a. If you do it and don't know it then you are okay
 - b. God in His mercy has already forgiven me if I repent and ask forgiveness
 - c. Grace is something we don't understand
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- 8) Grace is the unearned, undeserved, and often **misunderstood**:

God in His Love and Mercy **found you** in a life of sin, ignorance of His Love and Will for your life. He **chose you** to be His own if you will accept the sacrifice – debt payment – that Jesus paid. You must accept His Love and Mercy – Grace – but can never earn it. He **wants you** to live a life that is to be an image of right, justice, mercy, love, and forgiveness. That is hard and it means **you must give up** the anger, selfishness, and unforgiveness that so often is in our lives. **You must learn** to pray for your enemy, forgive those who hurt you, love those who do not love you, help those in need, and to be holy – that means without sin – **you can only be this in Jesus**. Jesus is the only one who is able to remove the stain of sin and this is done through God's Grace. When you accept Jesus and your life is converted, it means **you have repented** and turned away from the former things and look to the new way. **You become a new creation** as a child of God, with new desires and new ways of doing things.