

Serving God Through His Grace

- Service God Desires

Grace Living

Heart of Love for Him

Grateful for His Mercies

Desire to Glorify Him

- Service God Decries

Legalistic Living

Heart of Legalism towards Him

Fear of Consequences from God

Desire to Glorify Self (gain favor)

The Grace Difference: Why it is critical to the Christian Life

- Enables you to obey Him thru love and gratefulness with joy due to the mercies and merit of Christ.
- Frees you from self-serving motivations
- Increases your desire to serve Him and not to sin against Him
- Gives the only motivation that is pleasing to God because it is founded in the work of His Son Jesus Christ thru the Holy Spirit

Compelling Love – 2 Cor 5.14-15 – Motivation for Obedience

- Total Commitment to Christ
- Motivating Principles ?
 - His will the rule of our lives
 - His glory the goal for which we live
 - Will of man: Gal 3.3
 - Love of Christ
 - Compelling
 - Continuous: Rom 8.35
 - Conclusion: 1 Tim 1.14
 - Contemplation: 2 Tim 1.13
 - If not the Love of Christ, then what does motivate you?

Grace Responses

- Hearer: Freedom from law
- Is not grace
- Is a result of grace
- Grace is the foundation
- Biblical Understanding of Grace
- Produces Correct Response
- Enables One Respond To God's Grace in Christ
- Rom 4.7-8
- Forgiven by a Holy God
- Sins are Covered / No counting of Sins
- Response – Sin Desired or Sin Despised
- Rom 8.13
- Spirit of God / Sons of God
- Spirit of Slavery / Spirit of Adoption
- Abba Father / Witness of God's Spirit

Reverence for God – Motivation for Obedience

- Gen 39.9 – Joseph
 - No Fear of Potiphar's wrath ?
 - No grudge against God (slavery)
 - Correct view of man (wickedness)
 - No mention of losing God's blessing
 - High view of God (God exalting)
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- 2 Cor 7.1
 - God's Promises
 - Response to God's Promises
 - Brings Holiness
 - Reverence of God

Summary: Worthy to Obey

God's Worthiness

- Based On Who He Is
Not On What He Does
- His Actions Reveal To Us
Who He Is
- No Blessings Does Not
Affect Who He Is

Motivations for Obedience

- Response to His Grace, Mercy, Love
- Recognition of Worthiness (Higher)
- Struggles in Obedience: Self Merit
Prevents a Biblical Response
Prevents a Biblical Recognition
- Biblical Obedience: Rev 4.11

How now shall we live?

- 2 Peter 3.18 – Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ
- Continually grow in our understanding of God's grace as it applies to us personally to becoming more aware of our spiritual bankruptcy along with the unmerited, unearned, and undeserved favor of God.
- Growing in grace means we will grow in our motivations to serve Him
- 1 John 3.2-3 – When He appears we shall be like Him