

UNDERSTANDING JESUS'

GRACE

INTRODUCTION

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PREAMBLE

In this time when there is an ever increasing rise of legalistic religions, the Holy Spirit is re-establishing the church in Jesus' unique Gospel of Grace which Paul refers to in Acts 20:24. For this purpose we are presenting this powerful eight part Bible based course that will revitalize both your spiritual life and understanding of the good news of Jesus.

The aim of the course is:

- To enable us to understand God's amazing grace and favour that is revealed in the person of Jesus Christ.
- To change wrong beliefs that are barriers to intimacy with Jesus.
- To emphasise the unique message of Christianity: Salvation and life through Jesus Christ is by grace and not by works.
- To reveal Jesus' finished work on the cross and what this means for us today.
- To remove false teachings that results in us feeling unworthy or disqualified to have intimacy with God.
- To establish our identity as beloved and blessed children of the "Abba" Father.
- To empower us to live in God's gift of grace, peace, righteousness and blessings.
- To show that the grace of Christ is the foundation of a world changing life of love, compassion and justice.
- To establish clear, firm and unshakable Biblical foundations to grace.

It is not our intention to impart more knowledge about Jesus but rather to help to know Jesus in a deeper and more intimate way.

COURSE CONTENTS

- 1. The good news of grace**
- 2. Grace and the scriptures**
- 3. God's covenants**
- 4. The New Covenant**
- 5. Law and Grace**
- 6. Christ is the end of the law**
- 7. Grace overcame Sin**
- 8. Living holy lives**
- 9. Righteousness is God's gift**
- 10. The righteousness of Abraham**
- 11. Children of God is our new identity**
- 12. We are a new kind of creature**
- 13. Our union with Christ**

PERSPECTIVE



Jesus is the most perfect and wonderful gift from God the Father (Abba). Jesus is grace, and the Holy Spirit is once again deepening this truth in the Body of Christ, the Church. Jesus is wonderful and good news. We are privileged to be living in an amazing time for the church and the kingdom of God – a time as the church has never known before.

Five hundred years ago, the Holy Spirit gave the Reformers, one of whom was Martin Luther, a revelation that we are saved and justified by grace alone. This revelation started to free the Church from the false doctrine of salvation through good works. The revelation that salvation is by grace and not by dead works was the catalyst that brought mankind out of the Dark Ages.

Sadly, history shows that the revelation of God's grace in Christ was not fully received and implemented by the Reformers. The majority of Church reformers, who taught salvation by grace alone, ultimately established theologies and governmental church systems that were founded on a heavy mixture of grace, Old Testament Mosaic Law and church rules and regulations that quenched the very truths of grace itself.

The good news is that God is rectifying this error. This is a time of amazing Holy Spirit revelation and a new reformation that is revitalizing the Church worldwide. The Church is once again starting to focus on the centrality of Christ, his Cross, his grace and the truth that we who are in Christ are beloved children of God - for these are the foundations of His kingdom.

For the first time since the Apostle Paul, the Holy Spirit is bringing the Church back to the understanding that not only are we saved by the grace of Jesus Christ, but we are called to live everyday by the grace of Jesus. Our lives are not our own, but are hidden in Christ. Correctly understanding grace and how grace qualifies us in God's eyes is crucial to the effectiveness of the Church in this era where there is an increasing flood of harsh legalistic religions.

Without a revelation of Christ, his grace and the love of God (1 John 4:16), it is actually impossible to know the truth of God's purpose for mankind and the Church. Grace, truth and Jesus Christ are inseparable (John 1:17).

Lesson 1a will define grace, it's source and how it is the unique foundation of Christian faith.

Enjoy!

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