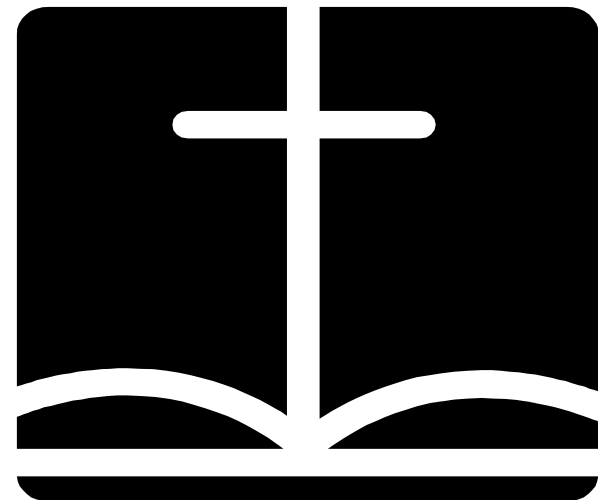


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**LESSONS  
ON GRACE**



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Hi,

Over the years I have had numerous people ask me for a copy of my sermon notes for their own personal Bible studies. I am glad to be able to present them to you. You have in your hands an exact copy of my sermon notes for your very own personal studies. I pray that as you study the Word, that the Holy Spirit will add even more than what you have before you. Put yourself there in what you are studying. What were they feeling, what were they facing...make the Word come alive by placing yourself there.

I am also including a list of the resources that I use to obtain my information, but I will say this, without the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you under the anointing all you have is just a bunch of books. I always pray before, during, and upon deliverance of each message I receive. I pray that...***you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (Colossians 1:9).*** I am both honored and blessed that you have selected a Sermon Notes Series and I pray that it will be a blessing to you!

With Much Love,  
Pastor John

## RESOURCES USED

- \* The Companion Bible
- \* Dake's Annotated Reference Bible
- \* Young's Analytical Concordance To The Bible
- \* A Dictionary Of Bible Types
- \* Vine's Expository Dictionary Of New Testament Words
- \* The American College Dictionary
- \* World's Bible Handbook
- \* The Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dictionary
- \* Nelson's Three- in- One Bible Reference Companion
- \* The Word -The Bible In 26 Translations
- \* God's Plan For Man
- \* Harper's Encyclopedia Of Bible Life
- \* Nelson's Expository Dictionary Of The Old Testament
- \* Manners And Customs From the Bible
- \* What The Bible Is All About
- \* Halley's Bible Handbook

*These are just a small listing of the study aides that I use. The greatest study aide available is letting the Holy Spirit be your teacher. May you get to know Him!*

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## OUR VISION

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge;”

*Hosea 4:6*

“For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:”

*Proverbs 23:7*

“...and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;”

*Colossians 1:9*

“Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: and by knowledge shall the chambers be filled with all precious and pleasant riches. A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength.”

*Proverbs 24:3-5*

“And the Gospel must first be published among all nations.”

*Mark 13:10*

As the Scriptures speak for themselves, our vision is to empower Believers everywhere to live a victorious abundant lifestyle that can be obtained through wisdom and understanding. If you are willing to change the way you think, you can change the way you live. A renewed mind towards the Word of God established you firmly in the faith and opens the door for the blessings and benefits of God to become evident in your life.

Because We Believe In You,  
*John and Karen Pelizzari*

## LESSONS ON GRACE

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

1. If you ask Christians today what “*grace*” means, most will say that it means “unmerited favor”.
  - a. If you ask them what “*unmerited*” mean, most will just smile in response.
2. **Unmerited** means “*not deserving of or not reward worthy*”.
  - a. Meaning that you don’t deserve it and you certainly cannot or did not earn all the good things that God wants to do for you.
3. But here we see that God’s grace brought salvation to all of mankind. We didn’t deserve it or earn it.
4. So what is grace?
  - a. Grace is God’s attitude towards lawbreakers and rebels - meaning that one should be punished for their actions but God decides to show leniency and forgiveness instead.
  - b. On a side note, mercy is God’s attitude towards those that are in distress.

5. So we see that grace is a gift from God. But why bother studying about grace if it has already been given to us as a gift?

**Acts 20:32**     **And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.**

6. When “*the word of grace*” becomes the conversational lifestyle that comes out of a believer’s mouth, two things will happen:

- #1. It is **able to build you up** - meaning it will make you become a more solid believer because you have evidence in your life that His Word works.
- #2. And it will **give you an inheritance** - meaning that you will begin to receive material wealth and possessions.

7. So what is a “*word of grace*”? It is responding to another individual in a kind and loving way when they do not deserve it or have earned your love, mercy and forgiveness.

- a. When someone cusses you out, you don’t cuss back in response.
- b. When you feel someone is chewing you out, you don’t get into it with that person.

- c. When someone has done you wrong, you bless them, not let ‘em have it.
- d. When someone has gotten on your last nerve, you don’t go off on them.

8. This will open an opportunity in the realm of the spirit for God to reward you in some manner.

- a. Remember that God wants to bless, not curse.

9. Here’s the beauty of it all, as you begin to speak words of grace, you become a blessing magnet.

- a. Blessings will hunt you down as parts of your inheritance.

- b. Meaning, people will have a desire to want to give to you or do things for you, fulfilling **Luke 6:38 ...men shall give unto your bosom.**

- c. Then, you can become a blessing to others.

- d. So how do you start?

**2 Peter 3:18**     **But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.**

10. You can grow in grace. That means that God’s gift of grace that brought you salvation can also bring more blessings into your life so much so that you

will begin to receive your inheritance, everything that Jesus desires to give to you.

- a. And His Word says that he has given us all things for us to enjoy.

11. So if we are to grow in grace, what must we learn?

**Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,**

**Titus 2:11 (MSG) God's readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation's available for everyone!**

#1. **Grace teaches** - that you have to be a giver, not a taker.

- a. You choose to give when others do not deserve it or have earned it in your estimation.

12. God's very nature is to give. If you don't give, you're not connected to the heart of God.

#2. **Grace teaches** - that you have to be a forgiver, not a storehouse of bad feelings.

- a. Unforgiveness is a blessing blocker.

13. You can tell you have truly forgiven a person when you can talk about it and it doesn't affect you anymore to be defensive or hurt.

**Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**

14. Here we see a list of things that grace teaches a believer so we can accept our inheritance.

- a. Notice what else grace wants to teach us.

#3. **Grace teaches** - that we should be **denying ungodliness**.

15. What is ungodliness? Any thing, any person, any habit, any behavior, any action that is contrary to the Word of God that would hurt His heart seeing that you are His child.

- a. It's usually something that you feel you need to hide or would be embarrassed if you got caught doing it.

#4. **Grace teaches** - that we should deny **worldly lusts**.

16. What are worldly lusts? Any thing, any person, any reason or any excuse that draws your attention away from God and the things of God.

- a. Whatever entices you to compromise God's Word in your life even though you know better.
- b. Whatever causes you to compromise your personal bible study, church attendance, prayers and so on.

#5. **Grace teaches** - that we should **live soberly**. Meaning that we should display a lifestyle that is self controlled.

17. A lot of people you cannot talk to these days because they are easily offended, lose their temper or interpret what you say as a personal attack on them.

a. The Body of Christ is more carnal in nature than they are mature.

18. Soberly also means “*to use wisdom*”. People who keep repeating the same mess over and over in their life do not use wisdom.

a. Doing the same thing over and over again but expecting a different result is called insanity.

#6. **Grace teaches** - that we should live **righteously**.

19. Simply put, if Jesus showed up at your front door to talk to you about how you live, what would you hide, cover up or make excuses for?

a. Are you living right before God?

b. What are you afraid that others may find out about you?

20. Living righteously before God means that you are doing your best to walk out His Word in your life.

#7. **Grace teaches** - that we should live **godly**. This word ‘*godly*’ mans to live “*piously*”, meaning to be sincere in our walk and devotion with God.

21. Understand, you can show up for church and not be sincere in your heart.

a. It may be a religious duty or obligation that you feel you need to fulfill.

b. Jesus said people will come to worship Him, but their hearts are far from Him.

22. So grace teaches us that **in this present world**, it is possible to grow in grace. The more you grow, the stronger the pull of your blessing magnet you become.

**Titus 2:13      Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

23. Now we find an attitude that we should develop so that we can deny ungodliness, deny worldly lusts, that we should choose to live soberly, and righteously.

24. We should remind ourselves “*Oh yeah! Jesus may come today so I must remember to do my best in walking with the Lord. I don’t want to miss the trumpet when it sounds.*”

**Titus 2:11-13 (MSG)      [11] God's readiness to give and forgive is now public.**

Salvation's available for everyone! [12] We're being shown how to turn our backs on a godless, indulgent life, and how to take on a God-filled, God-honoring life. This new life is starting right now, [13] and is whetting our appetites for the glorious day when our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, appears.

25. Can you do this on your own? No. But you do have help.

**Hebrews 10:29** Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

26. This is a powerful indictment towards people who play church and have no level of commitment to the things of God.
- a. But notice the spirit of grace.
  - b. This is the Holy Spirit who wants to minister to those undeserving of God's gift.

**Hebrews 10:29 (NLT)** Think how much more terrible the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son of God and have treated the blood of the covenant as if it were common and unholy. Such people have insulted and enraged the Holy Spirit who brings God's mercy to his people.

27. Notice that when a person makes what God considers holy and treats it as if it's no big deal, it angers the Holy Ghost, who is the spirit of grace.

**Galatians 2:21** I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

28. One can frustrate the Holy Ghost who ministers the grace. How?

**Galatians 2:21 (NLT)** I am not one of those who treats the grace of God as meaningless. For if we could be saved by keeping the law, then there was no need for Christ to die.

29. When you act like it's no big deal.

- a. It's no big deal to neglect my personal devotions... God understands that I am a busy person.
  - b. It's no big deal to miss out on church... it's my only time off and I need the rest.
  - c. It's no big deal if I don't tithe this week...I have bills to pay.
  - d. It's no big deal to pray...whatever happens, happens.
30. Are you growing in grace or just putting on a face?
- a. God is wanting to make you a solid believer.
  - b. God wants you to have your inheritance in this present world, not just the world to come.

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