

BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

LESSON 5 – OUTLINE

- I. If you have received Christ, you've been made alive.

And you hath he quickened [made alive], who were dead in trespasses and sins.

EPHESIANS 2:1, BRACKETS MINE

- A. You may not have manifested the life of God in you, but your spirit is as alive as it will ever be.
- B. You have God's resurrection power inside you.
- C. Through faith, you can draw that life out of your spirit and into your soul and body.

- II. When you truly understand that you have been made alive, it breaks the power of sin, and you live in victory.

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience.

EPHESIANS 2:2

- A. When you understand and acknowledge that Christ has already done it—that you already have resurrection life and you are as Jesus is in the spirit—victory is an inevitable byproduct.

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual [begin to work] by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

PHILEMON 6, BRACKETS MINE

- B. Your faith works and you'll see victory manifest—physically, financially, emotionally, etc.—as you acknowledge every good thing in you in Christ.

- III. The truth is, your nature has been changed.

Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

EPHESIANS 2:3

- A. Your new nature—your born-again spirit—was created in righteousness and true holiness (Eph. 4:24).
- B. As God’s Word transforms your mind, you’ll experience those old desires less, and you’ll experience more of your new nature.

But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath [past tense] raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 2:4-6, BRACKETS MINE

- C. You are already in relationship with God, raised from the dead spiritually, and you are now seated with Christ in heavenly places.
- IV. You were saved by grace through faith.

That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

EPHESIANS 2:7-9

- A. Grace alone (apart from faith) won’t save you.
- B. Faith alone (apart from grace) won’t save you either.
- C. Biblical faith always believes on Jesus and appropriates what God’s grace has already provided.
- D. When understood properly, grace and faith complement each other.
- E. It takes both grace and faith, not just one or the other.
- V. Grace is multifaceted (1 Pet. 4:10).
 - A. Grace is unearned, undeserved, unmerited favor.
 - B. Grace is something God did for you, independent of you.
 - C. Grace is also consistent—it is the same toward everyone.

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

TITUS 2:11

- D. Grace includes everything Jesus did in the atonement.
- VI. You must respond to God's grace with faith in order to receive it.
 - A. When you receive God's grace and mix it with faith, His power is released to make salvation a reality in your life.
 - B. Faith is not something you do to make God do something.
 - C. God will not be coerced into anything.
 - D. Everything from God must come by grace through faith.
 - E. Faith is simply your positive response to what God has already provided by grace.
 - F. Faith only appropriates what God has already provided by grace.
 - G. True faith only receives—reaches out and takes—what God has already done.

LESSON 5 – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Your un-renewed mind is the only reason you still struggle with those old desires toward sin. As God's Word transforms your mind, you will experience fewer of those old desires and more of your new nature. Again, this is covered in much greater detail in my teaching *Spirit, Soul & Body*.

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LESSON 5 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. According to Ephesians 1:17-18, what did Paul pray for us?
 - A. That we may have the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him
 - B. The eyes of our understanding being enlightened
 - C. That we may know what is the hope of His calling
 - D. That we may know what the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints
 - E. All of the above
2. Ephesians 2:1-2 reveals that God has quickened—made alive—us who were what?
3. According to Philemon 6, how does the communication of our faith become effectual?
4. Ephesians 2:3 reveals that we were fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the what?
5. What were we by nature?
6. What does Ephesians 4:24 reveal our new man to be created in?
7. Ephesians 2:4-9 shows that God is rich in what?
8. God loved us even when we were what?
9. How are we saved?
10. According to 1 Peter 4:10, what are we to minister to one another?
11. If we do so, we'll be good stewards of what?
12. Read Titus 2:11. To whom has this grace appeared?
13. According to Matthew 7:13, where does Jesus tell us to enter in?
14. Those who go to destruction are what?

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LESSON 5 – SCRIPTURES

EPHESIANS 1:17-18

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: [18] The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

EPHESIANS 2:1-9

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; [2] Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: [3] Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. [4] But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, [5] Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) [6] And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: [7] That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. [8] For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: [9] Not of works, lest any man should boast.

PHILEMON 6

That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

EPHESIANS 4:24

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

1 PETER 4:10

As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

TITUS 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men.

MATTHEW 7:13

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in theret.