

Sunday, October 2, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Title: Enriching Our Soul, By Yielding to Grace

Series: Renewing & Enriching Our Inner Man.. 4

Text: Matthew 4:17, 2 Corinthians 12:1 - 10

Purpose: I want to PURSUADE my congregation to YIELD to the resurrected Christ Jesus who dwells IN THEM!

Introduction:

~ 3 John 1:2, “Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.”

This is the PRAYER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

~ Hebrews 12:15, “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;”

My understanding of GRACE is the power, ability and authority of God extended to believers through the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ who abides in them.

~ James 4:6 – 8, “But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. (7) Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (8) Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.’”

~ John 1:12 – 13, “But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, (13) who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.”

1. Yielding to Grace Requires Repentance and Renouncing:

~ Matthew 4:17, “From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.””

Repent: “In theology, to sorrow or be pained for sin, as a violation of God’s holy law, a dishonor to his character and government, and the foulest ingratitude to a Being of infinite benevolence. ‘Except ye repent, ye shall likewise perish. Luke 13 and Acts 3” American Dictionary of The English Language, Noah Webster 1828

Renounce: “To cast off or reject, as a connection or possession; to forsake; as, to renounce the world and all its cares. ‘We have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty. 2 Cor. 4” Same as above.

~ Survey of 2 Kings 22 – 23:26; take special notice of 2 Kings 23:21 -27

2. Yielding to Grace Requires Hearing God:

~ Mark 4:1 - 25 – The Sower, the Seed and the Soils. ‘hear’ or ‘listen’: verses 3, 9, 12, 15, 16, 18, 20*, 23, 24. vs. 4 path, vs. 5 rocky, vs. 7 thorns, vs. 8 good soil. The soils are the only variable!

~ Matthew 7:24 – 27, (24) “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”

~ James 1:22 – 25, (22) “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

~ James 4:17, “So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.”

~ Romans 14:23, “But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.”

3. Yielding to Grace Requires an Honoring Heart:

~ Luke 10:27, “And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.””

~ Romans 12:10, “Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.”

NASB “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;”

~ Mark 9:35, “And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.”

4. Yielding to Grace is Yielding to the Person Jesus Christ:

~ 2 Corinthians 5:9, “So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.”

~ Matthew 9:20 – 22, (21) “for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.”

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9 – 10, “But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. ”Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (10) For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

~ 1 Corinthians 10:1 – 13, (12) “Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. (13) No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

Conclusion:

Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone