

The Gospel of Grace – Our Foundation

Our mission is to raise up sons and daughters of God by teaching the Gospel of Grace, bringing people to spiritual maturity, and providing a culture of true worship and family.

Foundational Faith. It's what we build our lives on. It shapes, really creates, our worldview. It's this part that we need to get right, or nothing else works.

Matthew 7:24-27 "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: ²⁵ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. ²⁶ "But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: ²⁷ and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall."

- We can build our lives on our work, families, hobbies, ministries, but...

1 Corinthians 3:9-11 For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. ¹⁰ According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. ¹¹ For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

So when we talk about the Gospel, why do we say the Gospel of Grace?

It is referred to as:

- The Gospel of Jesus Christ
- The Gospel of His Son
- The Gospel of the grace of God
- The Gospel of the Kingdom
- The Gospel of peace
- The eternal Gospel

Why do we emphasize the Gospel of Grace here at Reborn?

- The Gospel of Jesus, or His Son – There is no Gospel without Jesus, so it is redundant.
- The Gospel of the Kingdom – Speaks of the establishment of the Kingdom, but not completely fulfilled until the second coming.
- The eternal Gospel – All aspects of the Gospel are eternal, so this is only one facet.
- The Gospel of peace – This is powerful. Speaks to the peace we now have as Jesus' blood has satisfied the wrath of God. So we now have peace with God. It's the reason for the cross.

But the Gospel of Grace actually contains all of those facets.

- It is Jesus, who is the source of grace (John 1:17).
- By His sacrifice, we are invited into the Kingdom of God – but only through His work, not ours, the very definition of Grace. (Rom. 4:16)
- Once we are made alive with Christ, we remain alive forever. It is a work that was completed forever. (Ephesians 2:5)
- And the wrath of God is only satisfied because of the blood of Christ, willingly shed for us, as a gift. By grace. (Romans 3:23-24) (Hebrews 10:11-14)
- It is by grace we are saved. (Ephesians 2:8)

The Gospel of Grace

- There are 2 parts to this: Gospel and Grace
- Gospel – means "good news." Therefore if it's not good news, it's not the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- In a nutshell, the Gospel is simply the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But for this to be good news, we must look at how those events impact us today.
- Jesus' death was to deal with our sins. He traded our death for His death.

- **Romans 3:23-26** for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ **being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,** ²⁵ whom God set forth as a propitiation **by His blood, through faith,** to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance **God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,** ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that **He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**
- **by His blood, through faith** is the key here. So essentially we sinned, Christ justifies us by His death, so that if we simply believe in Him, have faith in Him, then we are completely forgiven of all sin.
- **2 Corinthians 5:21** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
- Jesus's Burial deals with our sin nature. Our old man.
 - **Romans 6:4-7** Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness* of *His* resurrection, ⁶ knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.
 - By being a part of Jesus' death, and actually dying, we are separated from sin and now have the actual ability to live righteously.
- The Resurrection of Jesus also brings us life.

- **Romans 6:5** For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,
- **Ephesians 2:5-6** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- Being resurrected with Christ makes us united with Him. It is now His life, in union with us empowering us to live this Christian life.

And then there is Grace

- Grace simply means that you did not earn it. It is freely given by God.
 - **Ephesians 2:8** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
- But not only our salvation, but everything is by grace. It is from God. Him doing the work. Us receiving and resting in that work.
 - **2 Peter 1:3-4** as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.
- So not only is our salvation by grace, so is our sanctification:
 - **Galatians 3:2-3** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?
- **Romans 3:28** Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.

- **Romans 3:21-22** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

But why is it important?

- **Romans 4:4-5** Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. ⁵ But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,
- **Hebrews 4:1-3** Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. ² For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. ³ For we who have believed do enter that rest, as He has said: "*So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest,' "* although the works were finished from the foundation of the world.

If we try to earn righteousness through works instead of faith – we actually produce sin.

Romans 14:23 But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because *he does not eat* from faith; for whatever *is* not from faith is sin.

Resting in God is not taking a nap and doing nothing and waking up sanctified.

- **Hebrews 4:11** Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience.
- It is doing our one work – believing. And faith always produces.
- Believe Christ made you righteous – you will behave righteous.

Our Position as Sons and Daughter of God

- **Galatians 4:4-7** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His

Son into your hearts, crying out, “Abba, Father!” ⁷ Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

- In this you will clearly see the entire meaning of life. Why were you created? Understanding this will bring fulfillment to your life. You were created to become a child of God. Your only role in that is to believe the Gospel and receive the love the Father has for you.
- This position means that you are:
 - Loved
 - Provided for
 - Protected
 - Mentored to maturity
 - Never abandoned
- **Romans 8:16-17:** *The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together*

This is the foundation that Reborn church is built on.

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