

GRACE for Addictions

A One Step Program

Part 2

FULFILL THE LAW

Matthew 5:17 "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."

What did Jesus come to do? He came to fulfill the law. Why? Because we couldn't keep the law so He came and kept all of the law for us and then He gave us what He did.

John 19:30 "When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost."

Jesus' last words before he died were "it is finished". What was finished? The law. He then died and went to the lower parts of the earth or hell for us. On the third day He rose from the grave. The devil tried to keep Jesus in hell, but he couldn't because the sin that sent Jesus to hell wasn't His. It was ours. Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father praying for us to get the revelation of all His grace has done for us.

The revelation of grace will take the pressure off of us to perform; always trying "do it right." All of our sins; past, present, and future are paid in full because of what Jesus did for us. We owe nothing!

THE NEW BIRTH

Romans 10:9-10 " That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

It's not our "doing" that saves us. It's our "believing" in what Jesus did that saves us. That's His grace. The word salvation in verse 10 means deliverance, preservation, safety, health, prosperity and stability. It's the Zoe or life of God. Your salvation includes everything you will ever need.

Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God..."

Grace made the provision for our salvation. Our faith or belief in the finished work of Jesus causes our salvation to take place. His death and resurrection provided His grace to deliver us from our addictions.

THREE LEVELS OF STRENGTH

Psalms 8:3 "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained..."

God used the strength in His fingers to create the universe.

Hebrews 1:10 "And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands."

God used the strength in His hand to form the earth.

Isaiah 53:1 "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

It took the strength of God's arm to purchase our salvation. When He created the heavens and earth there was no opposition. When he purchased our salvation Satan was there resisting Him. Satan has always had a plan for total destruction in our lives. But God has always had a different plan. God's plan brings us total freedom from ourselves and our addictions.

Satan's strategy is to deceive us into thinking it's our strength that delivers us. It isn't our strength; it's the power of His grace that delivers us. It's never been about us; it's always been about Jesus and His finished work at Calvary.

THE POWER IN A BELIEVER

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in every believer. This power is so much greater than our addictions. A comparison would be the size of a BB sitting next to the planet earth. There's no comparison.

I John 4:4 "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."

Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world. The power in you is greater than your addiction.

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QUESTIONS

1. What did Jesus come to do?
2. When we were saved, was it because of what we did or what we believed?
3. What power lives inside every believer?

ANSWERS

1. Jesus came to fulfill the Law.
2. It was because of what we believed.
3. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead lives in every believer. Romans 8:11