

The Message Gathering

Sacred Service Part 1 - Introduction

Two Things That Happen When The Grace Of Jesus Christ Is Taught Properly . . .

1. People Ask The Question: "So I Can Just Live Like Hell And Everything Will Be Fine?"
2. People See God's Grace Empowering Them To Live As A Servant Of God.

1 Corinthians 3:10-17 (NIV)

By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. ¹¹ For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹² If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man's work. ¹⁴ If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. ¹⁵ If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through the flames. ¹⁶ Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? ¹⁷ If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is sacred, and you are that temple.

Look at v 17a

If anyone destroys God's temple,

Sacred Defined: sacred (physically pure, morally blameless, ceremonially consecrated)

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NIV)

It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, ¹² to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

Service Defined: (diakonos); *attendance* (as a servant); *aid* :- (ad-) minister (-ing, -tration, -try), service (-ing).

by the law were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death. ⁶ But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

The idea that once we have truly received God's grace we are able to serve Him

- Until then, we cannot - Titus 2 Grace of God Teaches Us

Titus 2:11-14 (NIV)

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. ¹² It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Galatians 5:13 (NIV)

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

Today's Truth Statement:

Every Soul Saved By God's Grace Is A . . .

Member Of His House And A Minister In His Kingdom

Questions

- What Was The One Statement Or Truth That Impacted You Most?
- Have You Ever Heard The Grace Of God Taught In Such A Way That You Have Personally Asked The Question “ So I Can Just Live Any Ole Way I Want?”
- Share Your Thoughts Concerning The Fact That If God Did Not Remove All Your Past, Present and Future Sins, His Spirit Would Not Be Able To Dwell In You.
- Have You Ever Thought About How Your Gifts Are A Result Of The Grace Of Jesus Christ In Your Life?
- Do You Know The Specific Grace Given To You By God To Build Up His Kingdom?
- Why Do We Ofttimes Associate Negatively With The Word Slave Or Servant?
- As A Group, List The Privileges That Actually Happen To Us When We Become A Slave Or Servant Of God.
- How Do You Feel When You Contemplate The Fact That God Has Called You Personally To Bear Much Fruit?