06/07/18 Repentance unto Grace & Salvation (57)

Matthew 6:14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

Isaiah 40:3 The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, <u>Prepare ye **the way**</u> of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<u>Mark 1</u> 1The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;
 2As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, <u>which shall</u> prepare thy way before thee.

3The voice of one crying in the wilderness, **<u>Prepare</u>** ye **the way of the Lord**, <u>make his paths</u> <u>straight</u>.

Isaiah 35:8 And **an highway shall be there**, and a way, and it shall be called **The way of holiness**; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though **fools, shall not err therein**.

<u>2 Corinthians 7:1</u> Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us <u>cleanse ourselves</u> from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, <u>perfecting holiness</u> in the fear of God.

<u>1 John 3:3</u> And <u>every man that hath this hope</u> in him <u>purifieth himself</u>, even as he is pure.

<u>1 Peter 1</u> 15But as he which hath called you is holy, **<u>so be ye holy</u>** in all manner of conversation; **16**Because it is written, **Be ye holy;** for I am holy.

<u>Acts 13:24</u> When John had first preached <u>before his coming</u> the <u>baptism of repentance</u> to all the people of Israel.

<u>Acts 19:4</u> Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the <u>baptism of repentance</u>, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.

<u>Mark 1:15</u> And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: <u>repent</u> ye, and <u>believe</u> the gospel.

Repent means to turn from or to change direction. We must realise that repentance comes first, and <u>then</u> the grace we need is available to us, <u>as</u> we <u>believe</u> the gospel. The repentance is evidence that we do believe. Do not been deceived—evidence of believing is <u>by</u> our repentance. Repentance, <u>then</u> we receive grace. It is a wonderful thing to receive the grace that Jesus has given us. It is a wonderful thing to stand in the grace. Grace is what restores our relationship with God. It is a gift that we cannot pay for in any way. It is undeserved favour or unmerited favour— and it is given or imputed to us. Simply by our faith. <u>Faith in Repenting of our old life of sin</u> and believing we have grace to <u>know</u> God. Believing is not only a decision we make when we first believe— but is an ongoing <u>repentance</u> Unto <u>THE GRACE THAT WE</u> <u>HAVE.</u> THIS IS FAITH. This is the simplicity of the cross. Jesus Christ was crucified so that we could receive forgiveness and salvation and grace. To give us power over sin and death in Jesus Christ <u>who becomes our LORD(instead of Satan or self—through sin) UPON BELIEVING.</u> Jesus becomes our Lord and replaces the need to obey the law. The law condemns us but grace

saves us. We follow The Holy Spirit now because He comes in and guides us and brings us to repentance of our old life. Once we <u>receive</u> this grace(by faith), we <u>can approach God</u> in relationship. We can now obey The Holy Spirit <u>instead</u> of coming under the <u>impossible</u> yoke of <u>obeying all</u> of the law. But we must learn to abide in grace or abide in Jesus. We need to <u>continually</u> *believe we have grace* <u>as we repent of the flesh life</u>. We take up our life in Gods family in The Spirit. We are a new creation-born again, sons of God. We have an eternal hope in Heaven now. Our true identity is— we are Gods children. We are learning to come into His image. Repenting of the old image(flesh/Satan's), and coming into the new(Gods).

James 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and <u>yet offend in **one point**</u>, he is guilty of all.

It is foolish to try to keep the whole law. Jesus fulfilled the law for us and **we have** grace to remove the guilt and condemnation that comes through the law. The stumbling block though, can be, that this grace and this relationship with God, comes through faith - not self effort or self righteousness. We can walk in the grace, as long as we are believing we have that grace and are standing in it. At any point in our walk with God. If we lose sight of the grace we have been given, we fall into a snare. We can do nothing to earn it - but we believe God has given us His unmerited favour and forgiveness. This is a **continual** believing – not a once only decision. The evil spirits will continually try to bring us into doubt and fear and worry and hurt and self pity and shame and especially back under the law. The second they get us back under the law we've been dragged into self-righteousness. Fallen from grace. What saves us when this happens? Well we realise we've come under the law and so repent!!! We use grace to ask God to help us with whatever it is we are struggling with. That is what grace does for us, it allows us to take our sin to God and get help with it. Instead of hiding sin, we take it to Him and He then helps us. Because of our faith in doing this we then receive grace to overcome. Gods grace by faith. Trusting Him and believing in Him. We repent and take it straight to Him for help. The law just makes us feel guilty and condemned. Then we sit in our shame, instead of taking it to God because we believe we have grace. This is what pleases God. Faith in His grace. Without faith it is impossible to please God. Taking our struggles to Him and not trying to overcome by obeying the law, which is - simply trying to stop doing something ourself. It has to be Gods works, so grace allows us to ask God for help in whatever it is. Grace takes away any power of the devil. If we go to God with our burdens. He's waiting to help us, waiting for faith.

Proverbs 3:6 In all thy ways **<u>acknowledge</u>** him, and he shall direct thy paths.

<u>Colossians 2:15</u> And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

{ as long as we remember it is by grace we have God to help us } {as soon as we attempt to fix things ourself we've given the enemy dominion through the law}

<u>Galatians 5</u> 1<u>Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free</u>, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.

2Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing. 3For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do <u>the whole</u> law. 4<u>Christ is</u> <u>become of no effect unto you</u>, <u>whosoever of you are justified by the law</u>; ye are <u>fallen</u> from grace. 5For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith. 6For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision; but faith which worketh by love.

We should always go back to where we first started with God and thank Him for His grace. Don't be self-righteous. Grace is given us, <u>not earned</u> by obeying law. Grace gives us power to leave sin though. Praise God for grace. Whenever we are in any struggle at all – We repent—then we go to God with our struggle and ask Him for help. This is receiving and standing in His grace. If we don't do this, we continue striving in our own strength. Which is self-righteousness. <u>Until</u> we ask God for help it is self effort to change. Self effort gives Satan dominion, and so it will fail because we are abiding in the flesh. We are saved by grace.

Matthew 11:28 Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

This means return to my grace and bring your struggle, whatever it is — to Me Then He can help— this is the faith He waits upon Grace brings us to relationship through which God <u>then</u> works

<u>Matthew 11</u> 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.

This means we are receiving grace(**believing** we have forgiveness and then giving the struggle to Jesus). This <u>faith</u> then allows God to help ——-standing in grace—approaching God for help. Through relationship It is then made easy — in His strength, and not our burden.

<u>Hebrews 4:16</u> Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and find **grace** to help in time of need.

We must learn to discern when we are falling back under the law for our righteousness. Because we fall from grace when we do. Righteousness is not given to us by God for obeying the law. It is given because we believe God gave us grace through Jesus Christ. It is a gift. It is simple if we will always remember this. We must continue <u>at all times</u> receiving and believing righteousness(right standing before God) is by grace, through faith(<u>believing we have grace</u> *each time* we fail to walk like Jesus). Remember we are learning to come into His image.

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

Don't let the Devil deceive — whatever the struggle — the answer is to receive grace. Simply repent and **acknowledge** the struggle to God(relationship) and receive grace to overcome.

Satan wants us to try to obey the law, because he knows we will fail. The law strengthens sin. He also knows we can't obey it <u>all</u>. As soon as we fail at one point we are guilty of all. Thank God Jesus fulfilled the law for us. Satan knows if we come under the law then we fall from grace and give him dominion in that area of our life. The law actually will then strengthen that sin. We can't overcome that way. Trying to obey the law is opposite to the gospel of grace. So we have to let go of <u>anything</u> which would keep us from believing we have Gods grace. The law causes self-righteousness. Grace is free from God and so we have <u>nothing</u> to boast about.

Romans 3 21But **now** the righteousness of God **without the law** is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; 22Even **the righteousness of God which is by faith** of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them **that believe:** for there is no difference: 23For **all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 24**Being **justified freely by his grace** through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus: 25Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation **through faith** in his blood, to declare **his righteousness** for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26**To declare, *I say*, at this time **his righteousness**: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? of works? Nay: but by the law of faith.
28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law. 29/s he the God of the Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also: 30 Seeing it is one God, which shall justify the circumcision by faith, and uncircumcision through faith.

Grace humbles us. It removes pride and self righteousness. It is so important to understand this in our hearts. So we find we have to walk in The Spirit — by faith. Continually asking Him for help to walk in Love. To do this we have to, and need to, believe we **do have**

grace. When we first believed, we knew fully that this salvation was simply given - by Gods grace. Given to us. We repented of our former lives and believed the gospel - and in so doing received Jesus as our Lord and saviour. After repentance – turning from our old life – we just received the hope of salvation by **believing** the gospel, and then found we had Gods grace. We had done nothing at all to earn it, we just believed and so received grace. This repenting of our old life and receiving Gods grace is a continual process right to the end. We need to remember this—it is a walk. Repentance and grace. **Repenting(continually) and believing we** have grace to go to God for help. We did nothing to earn it, we just received it by faith. So we can't start trying to do anything to earn it now. It's ours by our faith alone. We recognised our position without Jesus – we recognised we needed a saviour and so we believed the gospel and confessed our faith. We repented and believed and so **received** grace. We cannot go back to the law, it didn't save us before and it doesn't save us now. Grace does. So we were saved by faith alone and we stand in Gods grace. In Jesus. Religion will drag us to do something else. But it's just by grace. Simply believing Jesus did it all for us and we simply trust God now. Again we must get this in our hearts to avoid deception. We did nothing to deserve it — it was Gods unmerited favour. A gift that Jesus paid dearly with His blood to give us. There is nothing "We are saved by grace". complicated yet. The gospel is simple. It go's like this. Don't go back trying to obey the law or ritual or tradition. If the enemy tries to bring in condemnation, and guilt or shame it is not the truth. Because of grace. We cannot believe these things anymorethey are unbelief. We cannot <u>allow</u> them. We must believe in the grace we have. That is the gospel. We repent of sin, return, and stand in the grace. It's no longer the law - we can now go to God for help in time of need. We "abide" in Jesus.

{{{{ <u>This is what we must remember **throughout** our walk</u> }}}} As we make mistakes and fall into sin, we must remember how we were first brought into salvation. And then keep doing the same. Repent and Accept the gift of salvation by grace. Then getting help from God.

<u>1 John 3</u> 18My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; **<u>but in deed</u>** and in truth. **19**And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. **20**For **if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart,** and knoweth all things. **21**Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, *then* have we confidence toward God. **22**And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

As The Holy Spirit convicts us, we **continually acknowledge** our fallen nature(to Him) and repent, and so **continually** we need to return, or stand in, and **believe** we have Gods grace. There is no grace where there is no repentance. Faith works through Love and so we repent of whatever is not of love. Repentance means — to turn away from. John the Baptist prepared the way before Jesus which was a baptism of repentance. Jesus later gave the baptism of The Holy Spirit. So, The Spirit empowers us and guides us to repentance continually, as He shows us any part of our walk where there is still sin or defilement or pride. Any area of our lives that is not displaying Jesus love. It is not a matter of sin— it is a matter of Love. We have the God of Love to guide us now. He is in us. The law has no power over us now. If we remain under grace.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the **Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

John 14:23 Jesus answered him, "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.

Relationship versus law. Grace verses law.

<u>Romans 6:14</u> For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.

<u>Romans 8:2</u> For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

<u>Galatians 6:2</u> Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Learning to come into Jesus image. As The Holy Spirit does this, we must remember what we first learned, so that we do not get trapped wondering why Gods grace doesn't seem to be present with us. Before we can stand in Gods Grace, we need to repent of known sin and iniquity first. We then go to God for help to depart from it, because we know we have grace to do so. This is faith with works that makes faith active—in The Spirit. If we repent but don't include God then we've turned to self effort, law, and so self-righteousness. We let go— repent — of the sin— so as to receive the grace to overcome it. This is <u>not just a one time event when</u> we are first saved(as the devil would have us believe). This happens throughout our walk as The Holy Spirit guides us through the sanctifying process to clean up the temple of God—-which we are. We step away from the sin or un-forgiveness or hurt or addiction or depression etc, through repentance(turn away from it)— in order to receive the grace we need to overcome it. To overcome a religious mindset it is important to get revelation in the heart of these things. To retrain the mind in Gods Word. To meditate on grace and what it is. Grace is the ability to take our sin to God with confidence, because we believe Jesus made the way for us to do so.

<u>Giving grace to others</u> will give understanding to ourselves of what Gods grace really is. We must remember that <u>faith works through Love</u>.

<u>Psalm 139</u> 23Search me, O God, and <u>know my heart:</u> try me, and <u>know my thoughts:</u> 24And <u>see if there be any wicked way in me</u>, and <u>lead me in the way</u> everlasting.

Again and again. To break any religious mindset— the carnal mind is at enmity with god. Grace is the power to overcome sin. Not obeying the law. We do all this by faith. We first repent—- then we know(by faith) that we have grace—which includes forgiveness and righteousness before God in Jesus name. We are justified by Jesus not by obeying the law. So then <u>we trust the grace we believe we have</u>, and <u>can then</u> approach our God. To deal with it. Then it becomes <u>God overcoming for us</u>. No boasting for us. His works. Personal relationship with God. Through faith. Repenting and then standing firm in His grace. It is a continual process. Throughout our life walk with Jesus. His righteousness— not our own.

Isaiah 64:6 But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and <u>all</u> <u>our righteousnesses</u> are <u>as filthy</u> rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Repenting and resting in Gods grace. Not only the day we first believed – but every day after. Not once only, but continual with God – allowing Him to lead and guide us and show us sin – unto repentance and in His grace. So to stand in Gods grace we repent first. If The Holy Spirit convicts us – we repent, acknowledge the fault, and thank Him for grace to overcome. Then stand in grace instead of the sin or whatever it is that The Holy Spirit is wanting us to deal with. **Repentance** – <u>then</u> - <u>apply grace to remove any condemnation</u> or rejection or unworthiness, or <u>any other</u> darkness or lie. We are born again – sons of God – the old carnal man is crucified with Christ. True **Repentance** brings grace!!! We are alive to God!!!

<u>Romans 6:11</u> Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We repent— then <u>by faith</u>— <u>believe the grace we have received</u> and so <u>stand in</u> that grace. If we don't believe we have the grace we will stand in the condemnation, guilt, or the sin still. It requires faith in believing. Faith to trust God. Repentance— then <u>believe</u> and <u>trust</u> we have Gods grace— brings righteousness. We humbly go before God for grace. He waits for this. <u>It is very very very extremely important to remember this process right throughout our walk</u>. <u>Acts 11</u> 16Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. 17Forasmuch then as God gave them the like gift as *he did* unto us, who believed on the Lord Jesus Christ; what was I, that I could withstand God? 18When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted <u>repentance</u> unto life.

After knowing the simplicity of the gospel, why do we later become self righteous believing we are saved by **trying** to be better people. It is a cruel deception which causes us to **strive** to **earn** our way or to **earn** grace or to feel justified by <u>something other than the **gift**</u> of grace. Our faith already provides the grace. Jesus has already provided us with everything we need for salvation. We are saved by grace through faith. As we walk with God <u>we will become</u> <u>better people</u> as we follow and obey The Holy Spirit. But we are saved **by our faith** still, through Gods grace. The Holy Spirit changes us and heals us and restores us. As we repent and ask Him for help. We are not saved because we are better people. We are saved by faith and by grace. We become more holy because God is helping us. Grace is there to **give each of us the power** to walk holy before The Lord. Grace is there to remove the strength of sin over us. So we can escape it's enslavement. Grace sets us free. We can turn from sin.

<u>2 Timothy 1</u> 7For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; **<u>but of power</u>**, and of love, and of a sound mind.⁸Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but **<u>be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel</u>** according to the power of God; **9**Who hath saved us, and called *us* <u>with an holy calling</u>, <u>**not according to our works**</u>, but <u>according to his</u> <u>own purpose and grace</u>, <u>which was **given**</u> us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

10But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel: **11**Whereunto I am appointed a preacher, and an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. **12**For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

Do not let religion steal, kill and destroy.

We have grace and relationship(being led by The Holy Spirit) – not rules laws and tradition or men's doctrines or rituals. Grace allows **every saint** – <u>each</u> and everyone of us, to approach God and deal with sin. We let <u>no</u> man come between ourself and God!!! We take our sin to God. We confess our sin to God. We acknowledge our faults and struggles to Him. Then we <u>trust</u> His grace – that He <u>will</u> help. Jesus is The head. We are the body of Jesus. Grace is not there so that we can live how we like – <u>do not be deceived</u>. Grace gives us <u>power</u> to walk holy. It allows <u>God</u> to transform us into His image. It allows us to take on His nature, character and also walk in His authority. Don't let religion steal this power by missing out on <u>your</u> relationship with The Spirit of God. We must <u>remain</u> believing we have grace as the fiery trials & tribulation come against us. <u>The trials test our faith constantly</u> and we are being taught by The Lord to avoid condemnation through the law, and through striving to be good to earn salvation. We abide in the grace.

Psalm 139 23Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: 24And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The Holy Spirit is removing all self righteousness from us and this can only be done through faith(which works through Love). We learn to forgive and to not judge. Yes we are being taught by the Lord to <u>remain</u> trusting and believing in His grace and it is Him who is leading us through this process, to walk holy and to come in to Jesus image. We can't do this ourself—we must stand in the grace and allow God to do this in and through us. Going to Him in Faith. We can go to Him because of grace. It is not easy for the old nature— the fallen nature. Faith is

not natural to the fallen nature. The old nature is being crucified. But we are a new creation we are learning about our new hope. Our spiritual hope. The spiritual life is not yet seen with our carnal eyes—we can walk in it **now** though—but it is through faith. And it is by standing/ believing in the grace we have, to be transformed by God as we co-operate **with** Him. It is His works—so we have to receive the gift of grace— or it becomes our own works. The old nature wants to do everything it's own way(the way of self) or Satan's way. It completely rebels at receiving the gift of grace. The old nature wants to earn salvation. God won't have it.

<u>2 Corinthians 6:16</u> And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for <u>ye</u> are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, <u>I will dwell in them</u>, and walk <u>in them</u>; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Don't let religion steal, kill and destroy. God has a purpose for each of us, we cannot work it out our self. The struggle for the old nature is— to receive salvation as undeserved favour. Self wants to exalt itself. Satan has always wanted to exalt Himself. Receiving salvation as an undeserved gift will deal with the nature of Satan. It will humble any pride. Because it is not our victory — it is Jesus victory. Because we have to go to God for help— then He overcomes for us. His works. We have nothing to boast about. This protects us from any pride. It will deal with rebellion and pride and separation from God. Sin is separation from God. Grace **returns us to fellowship** with God. Through sin Adam and Eve lost fellowship, but grace through Jesus Christ restores fellowship. It allows God to transform our nature into our spiritual life(identity)—in His family and into His image. As long as we don't remain self righteous— by trying to obey impersonal laws and rules. That is not relationship, that is following guidelines. So we receive everything by grace. **Through the way of repentance** which John the Baptist taught. By relationship with God guiding and leading us we are brought into Jesus image through repentance of the old nature and life. **Grace is the power** to walk out from under the laws heavy burden and allow God to set us free.

<u>2</u> Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, *even* as by the Spirit of the Lord.

<u>Titus 3:9</u> But <u>avoid</u> foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

The Holy Spirit leads us to walk holy. Grace allows us to approach God without guilt, shame, or condemnation. If we have shame we are not believing in grace. Step out of shame, go to God with it, so He can help. That's grace. Acknowledge it to The Holy Spirit. Or go to your Father in Heaven in the throne room. The way. Jesus.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Grace, as we abide in Jesus, in grace, it allows us to stand before God in righteousness accepted in the beloved. So there is no shame. We give it to Him. Because we are Righteous. <u>Accepted</u> in Jesus. That's grace. That shame belonged to the old nature. But we are dead to sin. We've been healed.

<u>1 Peter 2:24</u> Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, <u>that we, being</u> <u>dead to sins</u>, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye <u>were</u> healed.

We are healed of guilt and shame. <u>Once we acknowledge</u> the shame or guilt to God and rest in His grace. Then refuse shame or guilt. Cast those spirits out. Forgiving any offences or people and <u>especially</u> asking God for help to do even this. Learn to forgive with Gods help. Abiding in Love— in Jesus. Grace allows us to be cleansed of sin and iniquities.

Cleansed of shame and guilt. Healed of hurt and emotional pain and traumas and past terrors and abuse. We can't receive grace if we don't forgive. If we can't forgive, we **choose** to forgive and **ask God for help** to forgive. It's a **choice**, and then success comes as we get help through The Holy Spirit. We **take everything to God through grace**. We acknowledge all these things to Him without shame, because we have grace. Then **He** supplies what we need. There may be a battle, it may be very very hard, but battles make warriors, and that's what God wants. Battles **prove** our true faith and toughen us up against the enemy. If we are **feeling** guilt and shame or condemnation then we must **repent** and return to grace— **then** we can go to God with our weaknesses. Be a warrior, come against shame. Come against emotional hurt. Come against depression. Standing in depression is <u>feeding</u>/serving a demon. Starve out the enemy by standing in grace instead. Make the choice and go to God for help. If we don't **feel** like forgiving, we can still **choose** to forgive and **ask** God to **help us** do it. We make the **choice** and **believe** God will help, & then **that** faith gives God the <u>substance</u> of what we hope. Our freedom in Christ **relies** on our forgiving as we've also been forgiven by God. We will be trapped in the torments otherwise.

<u>Matthew 18</u> 33Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee? 34And his lord was wroth, and <u>delivered him to the tormentors</u>, till he should pay all that was due unto him. 35So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, <u>if ye from</u> your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Hebrews 11:1 Now <u>faith is the substance</u> of things hoped for, the <u>evidence of things not</u> <u>seen.</u> **2**For by it the elders obtained a good report.

How can we approach God if we are feeling condemned by the law?

We must remember we have grace, **upon** repentance. Repent!!!! Go to God with weaknesses and don't turn to the law. Return to grace-a gift-we have amidst failure. Ours through faith-We may fail many times but we still have grace. Only by our faith in trusting we not works. still have that grace. God looks at our heart. He knows if we have a repentant heart. Stop believing in condemnation and return to grace, to the cross-the gospel. We are saved by grace. Despite whatever trial and tribulation we are facing and the spiritual attack we may be under- the power we have over Satan is by standing/believing we have grace. Trusting God no matter how heavy and condemning the trial of faith may be. Trusting we still have grace. Learning to give grace to others and walk in love allows us to believe we have grace. Faith works through Love. God is not mocked. Our Father forgives us, as we forgive others, and judges us, as we judge others. Repent of these things and then return to Gods right standing grace. The Holy Spirit is guiding us to be able to walk in His Love. Abiding in Jesus in grace, allows Him to work through us. Understand, that grace, leaves no room for self-righteousness. Grace allows us to give God our sin and take up His life. We give up our life for His life—what a trade!!! We need to hate our sinful condition and treasure what we are being offered.

<u>Mark 8</u> 34And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 35For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it. 36For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? 37Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

We get to exchange this carnal life of sin and it's destiny(eternal separation from God) — for eternal life in Heaven(with God). We exchange our burdens and sin and troubles and bondages—- for eternal life. We repent of the one— to receive the other. We repent of sin and its enslavement and trade it for Gods grace and salvation. We give up the condemnation and receive the free gift of grace. No room for self righteousness in this at all. It is done in faith without faith it is **impossible** to please God. If we remember this, we will prosper in Gods grace. If we come under law we let go of grace— until we remember it is a gift. It is given and remains a gift. Grace. We give up our life in this world for life in an eternal Heaven. It allows us to abide in Him in heavenly places. It allows us to receive Gods authority over the devil and his works. The devil can't use condemnation any more—because we <u>trust and believe</u> we have grace. The law has no power over us because we are now led by God Himself instead. Believe you have Gods grace— that you are righteous in Gods eyes, <u>because you are,</u> in Jesus Christ. In His grace. God loves faith like this. Jesus died to give you this. When we believe like this – <u>then</u> we have Gods grace. We acknowledge our sin(repent) and say thank you God for your grace, I repent and depart from this bondage. I need your help Lord God. We don't stand in guilt. We don't stand in regret. We don't put up with depression. We don't allow hurt. We don't remain in trauma. We don't wallow in shame, We don't stand in un-forgiveness, We don't stand in rejection, we don't stand in self pity or grief, we don't stand in unworthiness, we don't stand in sin. We acknowledge(confess) these to God(in relationship), we repent(turn from it) and then we enter into His grace(by faith). Believing we can now come into His presence in time of need for help and healing and restoration and victory. **Forgiving everyone**, so that it is possible.

Hebrews 4:16Let ustherefore come boldlyunto the throne of grace, thatwe may obtainmercy, and find graceto helpin time of need.

Romans 5 1Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2By whom also we have <u>access by faith</u> <u>into this grace</u> <u>wherein we stand</u>, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3And not only *so*, but we <u>glory in tribulations</u> also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; 4And patience, experience; and experience, hope: 5And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts <u>by</u> the Holy Ghost which is <u>given unto us.</u>

When we don't rest in grace, we've become self righteous and have fallen from grace. Grace sounds like this- "I can approach God for <u>only one</u> reason"- "In Jesus name, I have grace to do so". So we must believe we have Gods favour—we have His grace—simply by believing. There is <u>no other</u> justification other than our faith in the grace we've been given. When we fail — we repent and go back to Gods grace. <u>Then</u> we can draw near to God. **THEN**, God can help us with our sin and iniquity to help us walk holy. <u>Then</u> God can cleanse His temple which we are. Do not let the law or religion remove the simplicity of the cross. We have grace. Anything else is to be self righteous. Salvation is by Gods grace. **Sin is no longer ours even as we struggle with it** because we have grace we can return to, as we repent and believe in that grace we have. Paul the apostle understood this struggle with the old nature and sin. We have the same struggle. No matter how harsh, within this struggle, it is **Jesus grace** we must **trust** in.

The struggle with Sin

Romans 7 13Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.

14For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that *it is* good. 17Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but *how* to perform that which is good I find not. 19For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

21 find then a law, that, <u>when I would do good, **evil is present with me.**</u> **22**For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: **23**But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. **24**O wretched man that I am! **who shall deliver me** from the body of this death? **25**I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Romans 7 1Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? **2**For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to *her* husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of *her* husband. **3**So then if, while *her* husband liveth, she be married to another man, she

shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

4Wherefore, my brethren, <u>ye also are become dead to the law</u> by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, *even* to him who is raised from the dead, that <u>we should bring forth</u> <u>fruit unto God.</u> 5For when we were in the flesh, <u>the motions of sins</u>, which were by the law, did <u>work in our members</u> to bring forth <u>fruit unto death</u>. 6But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should <u>serve</u> in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter.

7What shall we say then? *Is* the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. 8But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin *was* dead. 9For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10And the commandment, which *was ordained* to life, I found *to be* unto death. 11For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew *me*. 12Wherefore the law *is* holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.

Romans 8:1 1*There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **walk not after the flesh**, but after the Spirit.

Romans 5:16 And not as *it was* by one that sinned, *so is* **the gift:** for the judgment *was* by one to condemnation, but **the free gift** *is* of many offences unto **justification**.

<u>Romans 5:2</u> By whom also we have <u>access by faith into this grace</u> <u>wherein</u> we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

We have to believe **at** <u>any</u> point in our walk with God, that we have grace. Of course we also are able to receive this grace, by giving grace to others— which is love. Faith works through Love— there is no avoiding walking in Love. You want grace from God—-so does every one else. I don't want judgement coming upon me— so I don't want to judge anyone else. We need to overcome the carnal mind and emotions and rest in grace. Toward others and toward our self. <u>Remember especially to forgive yourself</u> or you will never be able to stand in grace. If you are not even believing <u>you</u> are forgive, you are not believing the gospel at all. You cannot stand in Gods grace if you do not forgive yourself. Or if you allow yourself to feel unworthy. We forgive ourself and we forgive others. We have grace and they also have grace— if they believe. The law of liberty— the liberty and grace we freely give to others helps set the liberty and grace we are freely receiving from God ourselves. Grace has no price to it. No reward required. No manipulation. It is free. <u>We truly need to have faith</u> in God <u>and trust Him</u>, to walk in this. For ourselves <u>and</u> for others. We cannot use our strength. It is faith and trust in God.

<u>James 2</u> <u>12So speak ye, and so do</u>, as they that <u>shall be judged</u> <u>by</u> the law of liberty. <u>13For</u> <u>he shall have judgment without mercy</u>, <u>that hath shewed no mercy</u>; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.

If we don't believe in the grace at any point—we will have difficulty approaching God. And difficulty with our prayer life. Because we can only approach God through Jesus— in His name and under grace. If we falter and fall, we learn to get back up and go back to where we started. Gods grace. Again. <u>We only stand by believing we have grace</u> — at any point in our walk with God. <u>To walk with God</u>, to become holy people of God. Self and Satan and religion will cause us to try to climb up another way. There's only one way. Jesus Christ. He paid the price with His blood. Receive the grace and allow it to deal with pride. Go to God instead of standing, trying to obey the law. Because <u>if we receive the grace</u>— pride cannot stand. There is <u>nothing</u> for the flesh left to do, to be justified(made right before God). It's <u>ONLY</u> in grace we stand. Any effort of the flesh brings in self righteousness. Repent and go back to what you heard from the beginning. You were saved by your repentance and believing the gospel of grace. Keep this. You are also **being** saved by your repentance and believing the gospel of grace. <u>Keep</u> <u>doing this!</u> It is ongoing. Do not be removed from this. Keep on going with God. The simplicity of the gospel.

Galatians 1 3Grace *be* to you and peace from God the Father, and *from* our Lord Jesus Christ, **4**Who gave himself for our sins, that he might **deliver us from this present evil world,** according to the will of God and our Father: **5**To whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.

No Other Gospel

6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that <u>called you into the grace</u> of Christ <u>unto</u> <u>another gospel:</u>

<u>2 Corinthians 11:3</u> But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility, so **<u>your minds</u>** should be corrupted from **<u>the simplicity</u>** that is in Christ.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

<u>Galatians 1</u> <u>6I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace</u> of Christ <u>unto another gospel:</u> 7Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

{we all knew it was by grace when we were first saved}

So— if we walk out TRUE FAITH— then grace(Gods **undeserved** favour), <u>allows us to</u> <u>feel secure to approach God</u> and deal with sin and iniquity—with Him. If we believe and continue to believe the gospel of grace.

John 1 6There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. 7The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all *men* through him might believe. 8He was not that Light, but *was sent* to bear witness of that Light.

9*That* was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. **10**He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. **11**He came unto his own, and his own received him not. **12**But as many as received him, <u>to them gave he power to **become**</u> the sons of God, even <u>to them that believe</u> on his name: **13**Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) <u>full of grace</u> and truth. 15John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace. 17For the law was given by Moses, <u>but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.</u> 18No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared *him*.

Through Jesus, we can acknowledge our sin and faults and ask for mercy and grace in our relationship with God. This changes our heart. Because our repentance now comes from the heart. Being honest with God because we know He can see our hearts. The law can't do this, it is impersonal. Through the law we just try to obey rules but find we can't and we don't really repent. We just try harder to obey the laws. When we confess our faults to God and ask for help—we will find we have grace so that we can obey, <u>because He empowers us</u> to be able, and in the process our hearts and the motives of our hearts are being transformed. To will and to do Gods will. The law won't change our hearts—it is striving to be good. God transforms us to be holy. <u>Turning from sin</u> and then— approaching God because we have grace to do so is the <u>power</u> to change. Believing we can approach our Father in Heaven. God. Believing He is with us and in us and for us. Enabling us —To walk in Love.

Romans 8 31What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? 33Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. 34Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *shall* **tribulation**, or **distress**, or **persecution**, or **famine**, or **nakedness**, or **peril**, or **sword**?

36As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37Nay, <u>in all these things</u> we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **38**For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **39**Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We are unable to make ourselves holy. The Old Testament proves what happens through the law. It produced Pharisees. Self righteousness. Right in their own eyes but not Gods. They looked good on the outside but inside — not so. Self deceived. They didn't recognise grace or Love(Jesus).

<u>Matthew 23</u> 27Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead *men's* bones, and of <u>all uncleanness.</u> 28Even so ye also <u>outwardly appear</u> righteous unto men, but <u>within</u> ye are <u>full of hypocrisy and iniquity</u>.

God works on our heart through grace. He changes us on the inside. The Pharisees felt self righteous, because they felt they were doing well at obeying the law. They were not walking in love, but they were good at pretence. They didn't even recognise their own messiah when He came to them, because they were blinded from the truth by their hypocrisy. They didn't receive grace therefore. They were blinded by their sin and iniquity because they could not obey <u>all</u> of the law – but remained under its condemnation. They remained in their sin through the condemnation of the law. Even Saul had to receive grace, before He understood. He was saved by grace. Then the Pharisee Saul became the apostle Paul through <u>fellowship</u> with God. Previously he had the law as his guide. We see the difference. From the Pharisee Saul(saint persecutor/murderer), to Paul the apostle of Jesus Christ. After meeting the Lord.

<u>Acts 9:4</u> And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

<u>Galatians 1</u> 11But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is <u>not</u> <u>after man.</u> 12For <u>I neither received it of man, neither was I taught *it*, <u>but by the revelation of Jesus</u> Christ.</u>

Instead of the law he had a relationship with God through The Holy Spirit. Through the law he was Saul/Pharisee. Through grace/relationship he became Paul/apostle. **Ephesians 3 8**Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is **this grace** given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; **9**And to make all *men* see what *is* the **fellowship** of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: **10**To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, **11**According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: **12In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.**

<u>James 2:10</u> For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in **one** *point*, he is guilty of all.

The law **separates** us from grace and so from God. It condemns us. Sin separates Grace allows us to return to God because it has removed the condemnation that us from God. came through the law. <u>The law has no power to condemn us</u> if we remain believing we have grace. This is the simplicity. Do we believe we are condemned or do we believe we have grace. at any point in our walk. Where is our faith? In the law or in grace? We will believe the one or the other. Where is our faith. In the law and it's condemnation? Or in Gods grace? In the law and striving to obey it? Or in grace and obeying The Holy Spirit. Stay under grace and give no power to Satan-through trying to obey the law. Learn to hear the small still voice of The Holy Spirit in our hearts and be guided by Him. Learn to discern His voice. We are not saved by religion and law, or in trusting/putting our faith in a man. It's simple. It's by grace. By faith in that grace. What we first heard. Repentance and grace/relationship. The gospel. The cross. Jesus Christ who died for us, so God could give us grace to be saved. He sent The Comforter to help us. We have God helping us. He is in us. To help us. To guide us. We have Him instead of the law. Our personal Comforter. We can take our sin to Him for healing and restoration and cleansing. He is in us, showing us defilements and sin, so He can help set us free from sin and death. We just learn to co-operate with Him. Grace allows this process of sanctification.

<u>Galatians 3</u> 23But before faith came, we were kept under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster <u>to bring us unto</u> <u>Christ</u>, that we might be <u>justified</u> by faith. 25But after that faith is come, we are <u>no longer under</u> <u>a schoolmaster</u>.

<u>Romans 8:14</u> For as many as are **<u>led by</u>** the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

<u>Galatians 5:18</u> But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

<u>Romans 8</u> 3For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh: 4**That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but <u>after the Spirit.</u>

Hebrews 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which <u>we draw nigh unto God</u>.

Grace allows us to draw near and be led by The Holy Spirit instead of trying to obey all of the law. <u>Grace is the power</u> to depart from sin and iniquity— to become holy. But to use the grace, we must <u>believe we have it</u>, in all our trials and tribulations and testing. The power of grace is <u>only in our faith</u>, that we have it.</u> We have the unmerited, undeserved, favour of God. Our sins are forgiven. God bore our shame. The simplicity of the gospel we first heard. That means we cast guilt aside and say "I have grace". The guilt or shame or condemnation becomes a lie that we <u>cast out</u> if we truly believe the gospel. We do not allow the enemy—evil spirits—to work in our carnal minds to deceive us into believing in guilt or shame or condemnation. This is why Jesus taught His disciples how to cast out demons. A spirit of shame. A spirit of guilt. A spirit of grief. A spirit of depression. This is why God has given us all authority over the kingdom of darkness. So that as we repent and acknowledge and confess our shame and depart from its enslavement of our flesh—we can <u>command</u> them to go. We give it to Jesus. We then can execute the judgement written against them. Jesus condemned sin in the flesh. We have free will. And power and authority in Jesus. We choose grace in every struggle we have. We give the bondage to Jesus and He gives us His grace. That's the gospel. The good news. As we repent of bondages, we command healing, and cast out evil spirits that were holding us in bondage. Cast out demons and heal the sick. We **have** that authority given to us.

Psalm 149:9 9To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have **all** his saints. Praise ye the LORD.

Ephesians 1 19And what *is* the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

<u>Mark 16</u> 17And these signs shall follow them that believe; <u>In my name shall they cast out</u> <u>devils;</u> they shall speak with new tongues; 18They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto **you** power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

<u>Jesus taught/commanded His disciples to do these things</u> and <u>told them to teach the</u> <u>nations to observe whatsoever He commanded them.</u> Jesus wants us to do exactly the same as He taught His disciples to do. Jesus body(the church) has not changed – Jesus the same yesterday today and forever. They were to teach us to walk like Jesus walked. They did the things Jesus did. The acts church. Jesus true church in <u>act</u>ion. Not just hearers but doers of the Word. Acting on the word. The book of acts shows us how the church worked.

James 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

<u>Matthew 28</u> 19Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: 20<u>Teaching them</u> to observe <u>all things</u> **whatsoever I have commanded you:** and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

We can choose to stand and believe in condemnation. Or we can stand and believe we have grace to overcome <u>every</u> trial. The carnal mind is at enmity with God. Evil spirits use our minds to convince us of deception. They use vain religion to pervert the gospel. To make it complicated. They use <u>the false comfort that the flesh likes</u>, to deceive us. To find an easy way/but false way. The simplicity is to not find another way but to remain under grace. We cannot reason with Gods Word. The TRUTH doesn't offer an easy way, but religion will. Do not be tempted. It is our foundation which is sure and unchanging. It is our rock. We **take every thought captive** and <u>cast</u> those evil demonic spirits working in our mind, <u>out</u>. As Jesus showed us. We take every thought captive to the obedience of Love. It is quite obvious that God hates sin. So we know to depart from sin through the power grace gives us to do so. There is no point in trying to find some way to justify sin. We are continually struggling perhaps, but from the heart, departing from sin. The Holy Spirit helps us see sin, so we can repent and be set free.

<u>2 Corinthians 10</u> 4(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) **5**Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity** every thought to the obedience of Christ; **6**And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

Satan will do anything and use whoever he can to remove us from the simplicity that is in Christ. Whatever exalts itself against the simplicity of grace. What we first heard. He wants to pull us out of grace into un-forgiveness, shame, guilt, unworthiness, anger, depression, and every

other sort of sin. Behind each of these is an evil spirit. We must come out of agreement with them, and return to grace. Then cast them out. Ask God for grace and mercy in time of need. Again, we must learn to return to the place where we first started. We were saved by grace. We are also **being** saved **by standing** in this grace **throughout** our walk with The Holy Spirit. This is true throughout our whole walk with God, or we would not be able to make mistakes. At any point in our walk— we are saved by grace. But we need to remain believing we have it. Not believing we've lost it. **Returning to grace is returning to relationship with Jesus.** Then we can **call on Jesus** for help. In relationship. In every situation. And He will save us.

Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

From the **position** of standing in Gods grace- we can **then** approach God and **then** deal with our sin and iniquity and faults/failures and struggles. Then we gain victory after victory. With God Himself. From glory to glory. We have grace to do this, and God delights in setting us free **as we prove we believe** we have His grace. Each time a trial comes, we prove we believe the gospel of grace. WE DO NOT COME UNDER THE LAW. Any struggle—we go to God with it—because we have grace to go to Him with it. God can then help us— through this faith.

<u>Proverbs 3</u> <u>5Trust</u> in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
<u>6In all thy ways acknowledge him</u>, and <u>he shall direct thy paths</u>.
<u>7Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and <u>depart from evil.</u>
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<u>2 Corinthians 10:5</u> Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and <u>bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;</u>

Don't be removed from the gospel which was first preached. We approach God with all our faults, because we have learned that we can—<u>if we believe</u> we have the grace to do so. Under heavy trials, we learn to strengthen our faith—coming against pride—returning to believe we have grace and forgiveness that we do not even merit or deserve. Gods mercy endures forever & His forgiveness and patience is all through the psalms. David who God said was a man after His own heart, wrote many of the psalms. We can learn Gods heart through the psalms.

<u>Acts 13:22</u> And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the *son* of Jesse, <u>a man after mine</u> <u>own heart</u>, which shall fulfil all my will.

As long as we deal truthfully with God, He is able to help us. If we allow deception to suit our comfort in this world, it is hard for Him to reach us. As we honestly from the heart seek God, God helps us to straighten out our life—to walk in Love. He leads and guides us. The curse is there to bring us back to seek God. It shows us we need a saviour. The only way out from under the curse is grace. It is Jesus. We learn to hear Him, and we recognise His voice through The Word-the Bible. We get to know his voice and learn to hear and obey Him-instead of the law. So it is God dealing personally with each of us - our hearts - no matter what condition we each came to Him in. It is a walk with God. It is not religion, rules, or tradition or following guidelines or men. It is a walk with God as we each learn that we stand **only** in grace. Sometimes...., many times, we fall, into believing the enemy and feel unworthy or unable to approach God. Then we cannot deal with sin. Or even pray. So we wallow in condemnation until we remember it is by grace not works. We can repent of unbelief or disobedience. We humble ourselves and Then we can return to God because we have simple grace to do it. "I have grace to approach God" - so I can acknowledge/take. my sin and failure to obey. to Him— so he can help me. He then gives me the power to trample the enemy under foot. The power to be healed. The power to be set free. The power to obey Him. So we see grace is the power to deal with the curse — to become holy. It enables us to draw near to God. We are no longer fallen, but restored. By faith.

<u>Matthew 11:28</u> <u>Come unto me</u>, all *y*e that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly.**

<u>Hebrews 4:16</u> Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace,** that we may obtain mercy, and <u>find grace to help in time of need</u>.

Ephesians 3:12 In whom we have boldness and access with confidence by the faith of him.

<u>Hebrews 10</u> 16This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17And <u>their</u> <u>sins and iniquities will I remember no more</u>. 18Now where remission of these *is, there is* <u>no</u> <u>more offering</u> for sin.19Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

20By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; **21**And *having* an high priest over the house of God; **22**Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. **23**Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering: (for he *is* faithful that promised;)

The simplicity of the **gospel of grace** in the name of Jesus Christ. We can come near again to God. We have The Comforter Grace/**relationship**

Isaiah 55 6Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, <u>call ye upon him</u> while he is near: 7Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him <u>return</u> unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8For my thoughts are not your thoughts, <u>neither are your ways</u> my ways, saith the LORD. 9For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

<u>Galatians 1:6</u> I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

<u>Mark 1:4</u> John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of <u>repentance</u> for the remission of sins.

<u>Matthew 3:11</u> I indeed baptize you with water <u>unto repentance</u>: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: <u>he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost</u>, and *with* fire: