

It All Starts With Grace

Series: “There’s Nobody Like Jesus!”

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Text: Colossians 1:1-8

‘To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Colossae. Grace to you and peace from God our Father.’ Colossians 1:2

Introduction

This book answers two questions:

1. _____ are you _____?
2. _____ do you want me to ___?

(See Acts 9:5-6, NKJV)

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1. _____.

Grace defined: God’s _____ favor.

Grace _____:

‘For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God’s gift – not from works, so that no one can boast.’ Ephesians 2:8-9

‘For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age.’ Titus 2:11-12

2. _____.

‘Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.’ Romans 5:1

3. _____.

‘Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for; the proof of what is not seen.’ Hebrews 11:1

4. _____.

‘Now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.’ 1 Corinthians 13:13

5. _____.

‘Rejoice in hope; be patient in affliction; be persistent in prayer.’ Romans 12:12

Conclusion

1. It all starts with _____!

‘The LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued to extend faithful love to you.’ Jeremiah 31:3

2. Grace demonstrates the _____ of God.

‘But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us!’ Romans 5:8

3. The right response to grace is _____.

‘A person’s pride will humble him, but a humble spirit will gain honor.’ Proverbs 29:23

‘Human pride will be humbled, and the loftiness of men will be brought low; the LORD alone will be exalted on that day.’ Isaiah 2:11

‘The humble will have joy after joy in the LORD, and the poor people will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.’ Isaiah 29:19

‘All of you, take up My yoke and learn from Me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for yourselves.’ Matthew 11:29

‘Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child – this one is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’ Matthew 18:4

‘For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.’ Luke 14:11

‘He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death—even to death on a cross.’ Philippians 2:8

‘But He gives greater grace. Therefore He says: God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ James 4:6

Small Group Study Questions:

1. What two questions are answered in the book of Colossians?
2. How did those questions affect the life of Paul?
3. How do they affect your life?
4. What verse of the first eight is speaking powerfully to you now and why?
5. What is your understanding of the grace of God? How has that impacted your life?

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