

# Head-Breaking Grace!

## Part 1 – Slide & Scripture Notes

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#### Illustration

Pick up kids in Life Kids, see someone there to pick up his child who had been disobedient and broken his arm. Parent didn't want his bad kid, Bobby. Preferred to take just his good kid, John. What would you think? How do you think his child feels? Would you call police?

Yet that is what we think God plans to do! At the end of this age, God will pick up his children and go home. Some will have been good and some bad. Some will be broken. But those who belong to God will go home with God. Those that belong to another family (other than God) will not go home with God.

#### Two Families?

But isn't everyone part of God's family? Not according to the Bible!

**John 8:39-47** — They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word. You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

Some people are in the devil's family and some are in God's.

#### Be Sure You Are in God's Family!

Not automatic. You began in the wrong family.

**Ephesians 2:11-12** — Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh...that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Transferred from family of devil (darkness) into the family (kingdom) of God.

**Colossians 1:12-14** — giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Adoption into God's family

**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, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

You go to heaven because it's your inheritance, not because you earned it.

**John 1:12-13** — But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

**Galatians 3:26** — For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

At the end of the day, God is going to take His kids home with him—no matter how good or bad they have been. However, He will not take someone else's kids home, even the good ones.

## What About Sin?

What is Sin? Breaking the Law of God!

**1 John 3:4** — Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

We are all guilty! Story of rich, benevolent man who shoots his bookkeeper. How many murders do you need to commit to become a murderer? Break any one Law of God and become a lawbreaker.

**James 2:10** — For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

**Romans 3:23** — for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Price of sin is death – separation from God for eternity! Wages are earned!

**Romans 6:23** — For the wages of sin *is death*, but the gift of God *is eternal life* in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Can't God just look the other way? God is perfect. His holiness and purity is infinite. It's impossible to take sin into heaven. Can't keep a little bit of sin in your back pocket. Explosion when you enter God's presence.

**Revelation 21:27** — But there shall by no means enter it anything that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The sin problem has to be solved!

## We need to be made right with God – Righteousness – Free from Sin

Can't get it by good works! – Already guilty. (Murderer can't fix with good deeds.)

**Romans 3:20** — Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Comes only by faith in Jesus.

**Galatians 2:16** — knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

**Romans 4:3-6** — For what does the Scripture say? "*Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.*" Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as grace but as debt. But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness, just as David also describes the blessedness of the man to whom God imputes righteousness apart from works:

Saved by God's grace.

Many of us do well up to this point, then we get off track.

## Can't add the Law back in!

Fall from God's grace if try to go back to getting or maintaining your righteousness—right relationship with God and adoption—by obeying God's Law.

**Galatians 3:1-4** — O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 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?— Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed *it was* in vain?

**Galatians 5:4** — You have become estranged from Christ, you who *attempt to be* justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

Estranged: "alienated, to arouse hostility or indifference where formerly there had been love, affection, or friendliness."

Like trying to pay Judy every time she cooks a meal, gives me a kiss, or says something nice to me. Can think that we are being noble or thoughtful, but it cheapens the love and takes away the value of that which is given.

## There's Much More!

What happens if you break God's law after you are saved? Jesus was only crucified once. How can that take care of all my sin—past, present, and future? What part does good works rightly play in a Christian's life?

There is true freedom from the sin and the curse of the Law in Jesus Christ.

**Galatians 3:13** — Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "*Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree*"),

This is not just forgiveness for sins you have committed. There is something much bigger going on here!

**John 8:36** — Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

This has just been an introduction. Come next week to get a glimpse of the glorious wisdom and grace that has been given to make us truly free from sin and death! You will find that Jesus really meant it when He said we would be free indeed.