

New Life
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Encountering Holy Spirit
Operating in Grace
Transforming Teaching
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No Other Gospel - Galatians 1:6-9

“I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— 7which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!”

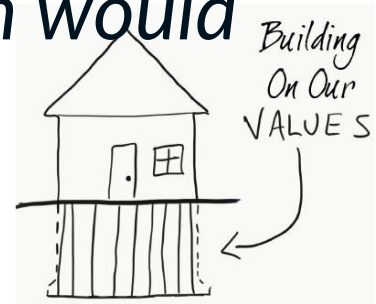
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Galatians 5:7-12

“You were running the race so well. Who has held you back from following the truth? It certainly isn’t God, for he is the one who called you to freedom. This false teaching is like a little yeast that spreads through the whole batch of dough! I am trusting the Lord to keep you from believing false teachings. God will judge that person, whoever he is, who has been confusing you. Dear brothers and sisters, if I were still preaching that you must be circumcised—as some say I do—why am I still being persecuted? If I were no longer preaching salvation through the cross of Christ, no one would be offended. I just wish that those troublemakers who want to mutilate you by circumcision would mutilate themselves!”

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- **ENCOUNTERING HOLY SPIRIT**

We are committed to allowing Holy Spirit to be actively involved in our community life through spiritual gifts, the word of God and congregational participation.

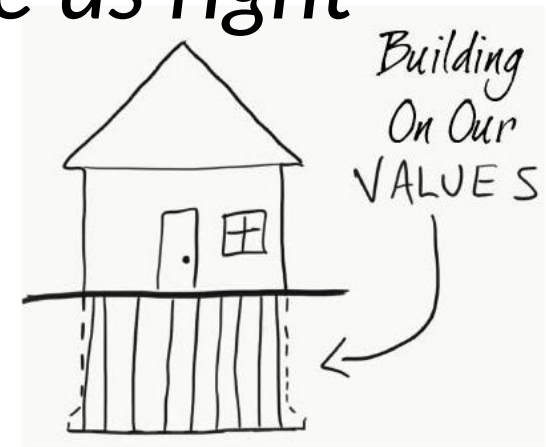
- **OPERATING IN GRACE**

We seek to be a grace filled church that welcomes and accepts all whatever the stage of their journey in faith.



Titus 3:4-7 New Living Translation

“When God our Saviour revealed his kindness and love, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit. He generously poured out the Spirit upon us through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Because of his grace he made us right in his sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.”



WE CAN OPERATE IN GRACE WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD IS LIKE

(TITUS 3:4-7)

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Ephesians 2:4-5

'because of his great love for us, God who is rich in mercy made us alive in Christ'

God's DNA!

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WE CAN OPERATE IN GRACE WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR US

(TITUS 3:4-7)

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WHAT HAS GOD DONE THROUGH JESUS?

- "he saved us,
- not because of the righteous things we had done',
- 'washing of rebirth & renewal of Holy Spirit',
- 'justified by his grace',
- 'become heirs of eternal life'

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Essene Community quote: (strict Jewish sect before Jesus)

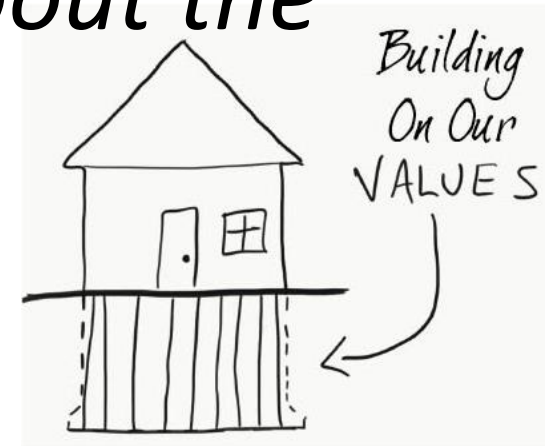
“No madman, or lunatic, or simpleton, fool, or blind man or maimed, or lame or deaf will enter the community”

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Titus 3:8-11

“This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone. But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless.”



WE CAN OPERATE IN GRACE WHEN WE UNDERSTAND WHAT OUR RESPONSE SHOULD BE

(TITUS 3:8-11)

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'devote themselves to doing good'

'avoid foolish controversies, arguments, quarrels, divisiveness'

“profitable for everyone”, “beneficial for everyone”

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GRACE DOES NOT MEAN YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT, TO LIVE HOW YOU WANT:

Galatians 5:13-16

“For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don’t use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” But if you are always biting and devouring one another, watch out! Beware of destroying one another. So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won’t be doing what your sinful nature craves.”

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CONCLUSION: How should you respond?

I think there are a couple of questions that need serious attention:

- *How are you going to let this revolution of grace impact your own life?*
- *What difference will you allow it to make in your relationship with God?*
- *What difference will you allow it to make in your with others?*

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