

Grace Revealed in the Person of Jesus

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I. Introduction

A. The Revelation of God's Grace Plan Announced to Shepherds, Luke 2:8-20.

1. *10 But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." 13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, 14 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." (PwrPt 2)*

B. Jesus came in the flesh and lived among men for thirty three years.

1. "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and truth. 16 From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another. 17 For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ." (John 1:14, 16-17) (PwrPt 3)
2. The Mystery has been REVEALED, Ephesians 3:6-12. (PwrPt 4-5)
3. 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, (Titus 2:11-14). (PwrPt 6)
4. Hebrews 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the **grace** of God he might taste death for everyone. (PwrPt 7)

II. OUTLINE

- A. Jesus is God's Grace Plan who was hidden until the fullness of times. In Him the mystery has now been revealed. All Eyes Are On Jesus!!! Who Is This Child? Who is the Man? Who is this Miracle Worker from Nazareth? WHO ARE YOU? (PwrPt 8)

- **Romans 1:1-7.** (PwrPt 9)

1. Now the angels know who the promised Savior is and Satan knows for sure who it is that will “bruise his head.” The battle rages on. The tempter is looking for an opportunity to get rid of the gracious Jesus.
 - a. The Cross will not be the victor – death will not conquer our Lord Jesus. Death will be Jesus’ birth canal to resurrection life.
 - b. The early church was assured of victory in Jesus as are we today. “The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus be with you,” (Rom. 16:20).
 2. Jesus is the one that all creation has been waiting for. He is the one who will redeem the creation and all mankind who believe in Him and His Father, Romans 8:18-25. (PwrPt 11)
- B. The Redemptive Grace of God Has Now Been Revealed in the Person of Jesus Christ the Lord. We must respond to God’s gift of grace in Jesus, by faith, repentance and a new birth, John 3:3-5. (PwrPt 12)
- C. The Gospel is the Good News about God’s Grace Revealed In Jesus Christ.
1. Our pioneer preachers had a way of saying that the gospel consists of:
 - a. Three facts to be believed — the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
 - b. Three commands to be obeyed — faith, repentance, baptism.
 - c. Three promises to be enjoyed — forgiveness of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and eternal life.
 - d. I don’t think they or we have given proper place to the grace of God. ***So let’s make it clear that the facts, the commands, the promises of the gospel are all by grace.*** (PwrPt 13)
 2. **Let’s also make it clear what the gospel is.** The gospel is not everything in the New Testament, and it is certainly not all the theories and deductions drawn by us. It is rather the good news of the grace of God in Jesus Christ. It is the declaration that Jesus is risen from the dead. It is the announcement that Jesus is alive forever more and is Lord of all. (PwrPt 14)
 3. It is important that we distinguish between the gospel (kerugma), and the apostles’ teaching, (didache). One is the message of salvation that the crucified Christ is the risen Lord; the other is instruction in the teaching of the apostles.

4. As we place more emphasis on grace, let us make clear that while grace and salvation works are incompatible, **grace and obedience are not incompatible.** Grace, to be enjoyed, calls for a response - obedience.
5. This is why the apostle twice in Romans refers to the “*obedience of faith.*” Obedience is not a work, but a response to grace. Faith, repentance and baptism -- responses to the gospel -- are “*acts of grace,*” as Alexander Campbell called them. (PwrPt 15)

D. Our response to the Revealed Savior should be: Jesus Focused, Grace Oriented and Love Motivated as we make our way through this world on our way to our final destination. We have a destiny. We have been created for High and Holy Purposes.

Note: Anna in Bratislava, Slovakia 1992 – I asked her, are you going to be a professional Cellist like your father, (Peter)? She said: “It is my destiny!” (PwrPt 16)

2 Cor. 4:14-5:10

“It is God who made us for this very purpose” (PwrPt 17)

E. Jesus Focused Power Point Presentation by Larry Deason.

JESUS FOCUSED...

GRACE ORIENTED...

LOVE MOTIVATED.

A Motto For Obtaining The Love and Grace Of The Unity Of The Spirit Among All Believers In Christ Jesus.

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► **The Focal and Pivotal Point Of God’s Revealed Word, *The Bible*, To Man Is:**

- ▶1. **Jesus** → Genesis 3:15, 22:18 cf Galatians 3:16
- ▶2. **Jesus** → Matthew 17:4-8 cf 1 Peter 1:16ff
- ▶3. **Jesus** → Luke 24:27ff
- ▶4. **Jesus** → John 12:21
- ▶5. **Jesus** → 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- ▶6. **Jesus** → Hebrews 12:1-4 cf 1:3, 8; 3:1
- ▶7. **Jesus** → Revelation 1:8; 22:16

▶ In 1226 Verses In The New Testament Jesus' Name Is Mentioned 1275 Times.
The Anticipation Of Both Angels And Prophets: "The Fullness Of The Times".
▶ The Anticipation Realized: The *Messiah, Jesus The Son Of God* Revealed!

- ▶1. 1 Peter 1:10-12
- ▶2. Hebrews 1:1-5
- ▶3. John 1:1-18; 5:39
- ▶4. Acts 4:12

▶ The *Entire Biblical Testimony* Focuses On *Jesus Christ!*
The Anticipation Of Both Angels And Prophets:
"The Fullness Of The Times" Summarized.

1. **The Law** was focused on **Jesus Christ.**
2. **The Psalms** were focused on **Jesus Christ.**
3. **The Prophets** were focused on **Jesus Christ.**

The *Entire Biblical Testimony* Focuses On *Jesus Christ, Cont'd.*

**On What Or Whom Are
You Focused?**

▶ To what or whom are you looking?

- "Doctrinal" fixation?
- "Problems of the church" fixation?
- "Issues" fixation?
- "Traditions of men" fixation?
- "A fixation of a 'famous' person"?
- "A fixation of Self"?

▶ Do you *see* Him? Are your thoughts and eyes fixed on **Him**?

My Motto, - A Short Phrase With A Guiding Principle, A Goal - Is To Be:

▶ **"Jesus Focused,**

▶ *Grace Oriented and*

▶ *Love Motivated”.*

Why *Grace* and *Love* Are Minimized?

▶ Until **Jesus** *is in focus* **GRACE** will not be understood, appreciated, properly received and administrated.

▶ Only when **Jesus** is *one’s focus* will it be possible to **LOVE**, that is “*to love as he loves.*”(John 13:34-35)

FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS!

▶ All human problems, within and without the Body of Christ, the Church are due to a blurred and distorted view;

▶ a cock-eyed view, a **wrong focus**.

WITH *JESUS IN FOCUS* WE WILL BE:

- ▶ Firmly rooted in God’s Word in our hearts.
- ▶ Solidly founded on “*God’s righteousness.*”
- ▶ Joyful recipients of His grace.
- ▶ Desiring to be obedient to His will.
- ▶ Thankfully humble and grateful.
- ▶ Gracious, kind, long-suffering and accepting of all fellow-believers.
- ▶ Non-judgmental, not contentious but forgiving to all.

WE SHALL BE LIKE *JESUS*, OUR MASTER, He CALLS US TO BE:

- ▶ *one who is poor in spirit,*
 - ▶ *meek,*
 - ▶ *mourns,*
 - ▶ *hungering for His righteousness merciful,*
 - ▶ *pure in heart and*
 - ▶ *a peace-maker*
- (Matthew 5:1-16)

BEING *JESUS FOCUSED*...

... We Shall Be Like Him, *Our Lord and Master*, Truly “*Salt and Light*” ...

- ▶ ...*Seeing one another as Jesus sees us.*
- ▶ ...*Seeing ourselves as Jesus sees us.*
- ▶ ...*Being and becoming more like Jesus.*

“JESUS FOCUSED.”

Concluding Thoughts

- ▶ *Let Christ remain what He is, namely the center, while various circles surround Him.*
- ▶ *“Do not infect that heavenly philosophy of Christ with human decrees.*
- ▶ *Do not remove the target from its position.”*

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of our faith...”
(Hebrews 12:2)