

The True Grace of God: 1 Peter

[#20] *Grace to Live for the Will & Glory of God* – 1 Peter 4:1-11

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Children's Sermon: Change Our Thinking

Goalies are a different breed!

Philippians 2:8–9

And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name...



What does Jesus show us about being perfect?

A Fundamental Change of Heart

Notes:

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

The true grace of God (1 Pet. 5:12) completely reorients the way we think about life, helping us to see the centrality of God's glory through the work of his Son.



Arm Yourself with an Intention to Suffer

(A Shifted Expectation for this Life)

^{3:17} For it is better to *suffer for doing good*, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

¹⁸ For *Christ also suffered* once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being *put to death in the flesh* but made alive in the spirit...

^{4:1} *Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh*, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh **has ceased** from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.

Luke 22:42

[Jesus prayed], "Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, *not my will, but yours, be done.*"



Make a Definitive Break with Worldliness

(A Shifted Understanding of this Life)

³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are [now] dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the [S]pirit the way God does.



Matthew 27:41–43

⁴¹ So also the **chief priests**, with the **scribes** and **elders**, mocked him, saying, ⁴² “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ **He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he desires him.** For he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’ ”

Psalms 22:1–31

¹ **My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?** Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? ² O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. ³ Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. ⁴ In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. ⁵ To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. ⁶ But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. ⁷ All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; ⁸ “**He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!**” ⁹ Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother’s breasts. ¹⁰ On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother’s womb you have been my God. ¹¹ Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. ¹² Many bulls encompass me; strong bulls of Bashan surround me; ¹³ they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; ¹⁵ my strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— ¹⁷ I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸ they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots. ¹⁹ But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! ²⁰ Deliver my soul from the sword, my precious life from the power of the dog! ²¹ Save me from the mouth of the lion! You have rescued me from the horns of the wild oxen! ²² I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For he has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and he has not hidden his face from him, but has heard, when he cried to him. ²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever! ²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you. ²⁸ For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. ²⁹ All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. ³⁰ Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; ³¹ they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Preparing for the End of this Life (A Shifted Orientation to God & Eternity)

⁷ **The end of all things is at hand**; therefore **be self-controlled** and **sober-minded** for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, **keep loving one another earnestly**, since love **covers** a multitude of sins. ⁹ **Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.** ¹⁰ **As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ **whoever speaks**, as one who speaks oracles of God; **whoever serves**, as one who serves by the strength that God **supplies**—**in order**



that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all offenses.

John 17:4–5

⁴ *I glorified you on earth*, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And *now, Father, glorify me in your own presence* with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

John 17:15–19

¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ *Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.* ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake *I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.*

...Fired at our Life & Heart

The true grace of God prepares us for the jarring battle with this present darkness, changing the way we think about everything.



Application

Fix Our Eyes on Jesus!

- Expect suffering and willingly embrace it. God's will is our life not earthly passions.
- Do not play with the fire of rebellion. Remember that everyone will be judged before the righteous Judge.
- The end is near, prayerfully embrace the ethic of heaven. Life is an opportunity to serve using God's gifts for his glory.