

Grace And You

Gal 5:1-6

1. Intro

1. Last week we discussed the definition of grace:
 1. The empowering presence of God, so that we can be who we are created to be and do what we are called to do.
2. God's grace (presence/power) is directed at "you" and for "you".
3. The purpose of grace is for you to live a holy life.

2. Paul's Movement Toward Grace

1. Paul has a conflict (Rom 7:18-20; 24-25)
 1. Trying to understand the sin issue.
2. He comes to this conclusion. (Phil 4:13)
3. He gets there via (II Cor 12:9)
4. Do we move toward or away from grace?

3. Gifts of Grace

1. Each of us has a different gift according to grace. (Rom 12:6-13)
2. The key to grow in grace is to desire and yield to His Spirit.
 1. Grace is for our growth. (Phi 2:12-13)
 1. As we move out and draw on it, it grows inside of us.
3. God's best for us is also our best.
 1. We are created by God to fulfill certain role in His body
 1. We are most satisfied and most valuable when we fulfill our created role.
4. Grace builds us up (Acts 20:32)
 1. Helps us build our inheritance

4. Fall From Grace

1. You can fall from grace (Gal 5:4)
 1. Grace is the power for doing God's will. Not your own. When you do your own thing, you are on your own. (fallen from Grace)
 2. Here's the effect it had on Paul. (1 Cor 15:10)
 1. Made the person who Paul was.
 2. He made use of the grace that was given him (KJV - not in vain)
 1. The word vain means having no intention of doing anything with it. (II Cor 6:1)
 3. Let us not ignore the grace that God gives us.
 2. Not the losing of salvation, but the losing the capacity to function under the power of God.

5. Conclusion

1. God's grace is for us. It is given to us freely.
2. In turn we need to use the grace of God to develop a deeper and lasting relationship with Him.