

Lesson 52 Answers and Comments

Correction I Thes. 3:17 should be I Thes. 4:17

Ourselves	eye
Groan	raised
Bondage	changed
Corruption	patience
Sufferings	faith
Glory	all
Redemption	persecutions
Glory	tribulations
Tribulations	endure
Worketh	pleasure
Hope	infirmities
Moment	reproaches
Worketh	necessities
Weight	persecutions
Glory	distresses
Change	weak
Vile	strong
Body	born
Fashioned	trouble
Glorious	sparks
Body	upward
Caught	
Meet	
Lord	
Ever	
Changed	
Moment	
Twinkling	

Hopefully we've all done a little less "complaining" and a lot more glorying in our afflictions! Only God's strength can enable us to do that to the praise of His glory and grace.

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I Cor. 10:31 “Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.”

Do you ever wonder if a certain activity is okay for you as a believer? Believers had questions about this in Paul’s day. We’ll take a few weeks and see how the apostle Paul addresses this issue.

We know that, “under the law,” the Jew had detailed instruction from God as to what they could and could not _____, according to Lev. 11:1-47. They had laws about how to cut their _____ in Lev. 19:27. Laws concerning the now popular _____ in Lev. 19:28. They had laws regarding their _____ Ex. 22:1. Laws about how to grow their _____ and what kind of fabric they could use in their _____, Lev. 19:19. And in Lev. 23:3 told them when they had to _____ and do no _____.

We could go on and on as there are hundreds of laws that gave very specific instruction to God’s earthly people, the nation of Israel.

If a Jew wondered about anything he could count on there being a law that covered it!

BUT NOW – Paul tells us in Rom. 6:14 “For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are _____ under the _____, but under _____.”

Gal. 3:13 “Christ hath _____ us from the _____ of the _____...”

Col. 2:14 “Blotting out the _____ of _____ that was _____ us, which was contrary to us, and _____ it out of the way, _____ it to his _____.”

Rom. 3:21 “But now the righteousness of God _____ the _____...”

Has God left the believer in the age of grace without any direction? Some might think so. Let’s take a look at some verses that are used to promote a “do as you please” lifestyle.

Gal. 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the _____ wherewith Christ has made us _____, and be not entangled again with the _____ of _____.”

I Cor. 10:23 “_____ things are _____ for me...”

I Cor. 6:12 “_____ things are _____ unto me...”

Col. 2:16 “Let no man therefore _____ you in _____, or in _____, or in respect of an _____, or of the new _____, or of the _____.”

These verses taken out from the scriptures might suggest to some that grace age living is a “free for all”. But we know that “no prophecy of the scripture is of any _____” II Pet. 1:20 and that we are to compare _____ things with _____ in I Cor. 2:13.

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Yes, God loves liberty! However, with liberty comes responsibility! Everywhere in scripture we see that. Paul tells the Ephesian believers to walk _____ of the vocation, Eph. 4:1.

Eph. 5:2 “And _____ in _____...”

Phil. 1:27 “Only let your _____ be as it _____ the gospel of Chrsit...”

Col. 1:10 “That ye might walk _____ of the Lord unto all _____, being fruitful in _____ good _____...”

I Thes. 2:12 “That ye would walk _____ of God...”

I Thes. 4:1 “...how ye _____ to _____ and to _____ God...”

There is a walk that pleases the Lord. We then can say, there’s a walk that does not please the Lord.

Eph. 4:30 “And _____ not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby “ (you will be dammed to hell if you do)?? “ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

The believer is capable of grieving the Holy Spirit but this will not result in the loss of salvation! Now what do you call that? GRACE And that brings us to God’s teaching tool, instructive method, for the believer in the age of grace.

Titus 2:11, 12 “For the _____ of God the bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, vs. 12 _____ us that _____, and _____, we should live _____ and _____ and _____, in this present world;”

God's operating principle in your life and mine is his grace not his law. God's grace in all its magnificent glory is seen in the giving of His Son for us.

II Cor. 5:14 "For the _____ of Christ _____ us; because we thus judge, that if one _____ for _____, then were all _____: vs. 15 And that he _____ for _____, that they which _____ should _____ henceforth _____ unto _____, but unto him which _____ for _____, and rose again."

My friend, this is God's glorious grace principle that should determine our activity, our walk. We don't need a law! We need only to be constrained, picked up and carried along, by the love of Christ! Not our love for Christ but His love for us!! Have we been so captivated by the love of Christ that it governs our thought life, our love life, our work life, our every detail of life? Christ's death secured our salvation, forgiveness, acceptance, righteousness, justification, and position forever before almighty God. No other motivation is needed or accepted by God in the age of grace in which we live.

Believers are placed into a "full grown son" position before God. Gal. 4:1-7 explains this. A child needs "rules". A full grown son is released into his maturity. Don't be

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Robbed of the _____ that comes from operating in the liberty of grace, Gal. 4:15.

Next time we will look at some of grace's governing principles that will enable you to make wise choices that praise the Lord.