

## ***The Motivation of a Finishing Faith*** **Study Questions**

### **Getting Started**

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Can you think of some beliefs that influence the way you interact with life? (i.e. If you borrow something and break it, you replace it.) Share how you acquired that life value.
3. How does the philosophy of life of the man in Proverbs 23:6-7 come out? What does he value? What can we learn about others from Proverbs 23:6-7? What can we learn about ourselves?
4. There is a lot being communicated in Hebrews 8:1-2. What is significant about Jesus being seated? At God's right hand? And in heaven?
5. It can be easy to confuse Salvation (becoming a Christian) with Sanctification (growing as a Christian). Why can this be confusing?
6. Pastor shared how the Old Covenant rules were to help God's people be different from the pagan culture. Is that important for believers today in an age of grace? (Deuteronomy 14:21)
7. Many of us have seen the spiritual decline in our culture. How should God's words of hope to Jeremiah encourage us? What should be our focus as Christians in a declining culture?
8. It is easy for Christianity to become a focus on obligations and duty. What do we miss when that becomes our focus? (Hebrews 8:10)
9. Grace should influence my philosophy of life. In what ways should it influence my understanding of myself? Actions toward others? (Hebrews 8:12)

### **Digging Deeper**

10. Ponder the blessing each day of living during this age of grace. Express your gratitude to the Lord!

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**Series: Finishing Faith in an Ungodly Culture**

*Sunday May 31, 2015*

**Definition:** Personal Philosophy of Life — my overall vision of or attitude toward \_\_\_\_\_ and the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Do not eat the bread of a man who is stingy; do not desire his delicacies, for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, but his heart is not with you.”*

*Proverbs 23:6–7 ESV*

*“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he. “Eat and drink!” he says to you, But his heart is not with you.”*

*Proverbs 23:7 NKJV*

### **I. Grace Makes My \_\_\_\_\_**

*“Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.”*

*Hebrews 8:1–2 ESV*

*“After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,”*

*Hebrews 1:3 ESV*

*“When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.”*

*John 19:30 ESV*

## II. Grace Makes a \_\_\_\_\_

*“For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer.”*

*Hebrews 8:3 ESV*

*“Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, ‘See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.’”*

*Hebrews 8:4–5 ESV*

*“You shall not eat anything that has died naturally. You may give it to the sojourner who is within your towns, that he may eat it, or you may sell it to a foreigner. For you are a people holy to the LORD your God.”*

*Deuteronomy 14:21 ESV*

*“But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.”*

*Hebrews 8:6 ESV*

## III. Grace \_\_\_\_\_ Me / Others

*“For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.”*

*Hebrews 8:7 ESV*

*“For he finds fault with them when he says: ‘Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah,’”*

*Hebrews 8:8 ESV*

*“not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.”*

*Hebrews 8:9 ESV*

## Five Covenants with Israel

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Genesis 12)
2. M \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Exodus 19)
3. P \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (Deuteronomy 30)
4. D \_\_\_\_\_ Covenant (2 Samuel 7)
5. N \_\_\_\_\_ (Jeremiah 31)

*“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.”*

*Hebrews 8:10 ESV*

*“And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.”*

*Hebrews 8:11 ESV*

*“For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”*

*Hebrews 8:12 ESV*

*“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.”*

*1 Corinthians 15:10 ESV*