

Focus of Grace!

Celebrate Summer Series: Coming Home to Grace

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but the grace of God that is with me.”
1 Corinthians 15:10 ESV*

Grace Requires I Focus on _____!

_____ **to Focus My Grace**

I. Bearers of Grace to Those _____

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.” Galatians 6:1 ESV

We All _____

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—” Romans 5:12 ESV

Only _____ Makes Me Guilty before God

Sin’s Control Has _____ through Grace

“We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.” Romans 6:6–7 ESV

We Fight Sin on Three Fronts: -Our Sin Nature -Our Culture -Our Adversary

Sin Will _____ Me

“Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.” James 1:13–15 ESV

Sin Then _____ Me

“For a man’s ways are before the eyes of the LORD, and he ponders all his paths. The iniquities of the wicked ensnare him, and he is held fast in the cords of his sin. He dies for lack of discipline, and because of his great folly he is led astray.” Proverbs 5:21–23 ESV

And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.” 2 Timothy 2:24–26 ESV

We Fight the Sin Battle _____

“Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.” Hebrews 3:12–13 ESV

II. Bearers of Grace to Those _____

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

Galatians 6:2 ESV

I Am _____ to Assist Weaker Believers

"We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

Romans 15:1 ESV

(Also: Isaiah 53:4)

My Assistance is a _____

"And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all."

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ESV

Requires a _____ Before God

"For if anyone thinks he is something, when he is nothing, he deceives himself. But let each one test his own work, and then his reason to boast will be in himself alone and not in his neighbor."

Galatians 6:3-4 ESV

"For each will have to bear his own load."

Galatians 6:5 ESV

III. Bearers of Grace to the _____

"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches."

Galatians 6:6 ESV

_____ Support of My Local Ministry

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV

_____ of a Right Relationship with the Lord

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life."

Galatians 6:7-8 ESV

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up."

Galatians 6:9 ESV

IV. Bearers of Grace to _____

"So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 ESV

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