

C & C: What the Grace of God Teaches Us

Connections and Comparisons is an ongoing weekly series that deals with many scriptures in the Bible, some of which are not commonly addressed. The purpose of this series is to examine the scriptures at hand comparing what is said and looking at the connections within.

Titus 2:11-15

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Are you following the grace of God? The grace of God that brings salvation? The grace of God that teaches “us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”? It is very important that you understand What the Grace of God Teaches Us! We are saved by grace but you will not be saved if you are not following after What the Grace of God Teaches Us!

Maybe no one has ever taught you What the Grace of God Teaches Us! Maybe you are unaware that the grace of God that brings salvation requires you to be obedient to What the Grace of God Teaches Us! “**For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**”! This is required or you have fallen from grace and will not be saved!

2 Peter 3:17-18

17 Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, **beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.**

18 But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.

There is no such doctrine in the Word of God that teaches you that once you are saved you are always saved, but the contrary is taught all throughout scripture! “**beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness.**”

1 Corinthians 9:26-27

26 I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air:

27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

The Apostle Paul himself declares that he keeps his body under subjection “lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway”.

Revelation 3:5

5 He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

Your name can clearly be blotted out of the book of life! It is of the utmost importance that you not only understand this but that you also follow after what the grace of God teaches us or you will not be saved! “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;”!

Let’s take a closer look at what it means to be obedient to What the Grace of God Teaches Us! The Grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts. How does one know what is ungodly and what is worldly lusts without studying the Word of God and being taught by the 5-fold ministry that God has given to the Church? You can’t just follow after your heart!

Galatians 5:19-21

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

You can’t claim to be saved by grace while you deny What the Grace of God Teaches Us! The grace of God that brings salvation requires you to be obedient to What the Grace of God Teaches Us! It is more than “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts” but also the grace of God teaches us that “we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world”! You MUST “live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” to be saved by the grace of God!!

People love to quote these scriptures from Ephesians:

Ephesians 2:8-9

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Yet deny or misunderstand What the Grace of God Teaches Us! We are saved by grace through faith if you are obedient to What the Grace of God Teaches Us!

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

You MUST “live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” to be saved by the grace of God while also “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts”!

Romans 14:16-19

16 Let not then your good be evil spoken of:

17 For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

18 For he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God, and approved of men.

19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

Hebrews 12:14-16

14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled;

16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

If you do not follow after “peace with all men, and holiness” you will not be saved! It is essential to salvation as well as being part of following What the Grace of God Teaches Us!

1 Corinthians 14:1

1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Charity is love and love is the fulfilling of the law of Moses.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up,

5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

6 Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth;

7 Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

8 Charity never faileth:

Romans 13:8-10

8 Owe no man any thing, **but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.**

9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

If you do not have the love of Christ in you then you are not following What the Grace of God Teaches Us!

1 Timothy 6:6-14

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

7 For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.

12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and before Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;

14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

The grace of God that teaches “us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” teaches us to be content with “food and raiment” for “godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.”

We are to “follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.” These are the things that the Grace of God Teaches Us!

2 Timothy 2:22-26

22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

We are saved by grace through faith “and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**” However, you MUST OBEY What the Grace of God Teaches Us or YOU WILL NOT BE SAVED BECAUSE YOU FAIL SHORT OF THE GRACE OF GOD AND HAVE TRODDEN UNDER FOOT THE SON OF GOD, AND HATH COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHEREWITH HE WAS SANCTIFIED, AN UNHOLY THING, AND HATH DONE DESPITE UNTO THE SPIRIT OF GRACE! (See Hebrews 10:29)

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