



Lesson Three

Perverted Grace

The word perverted means corrupt. To pervert means to cause to **TURN ASIDE** from what is good, or true, or morally correct. To pervert, or corrupt means to **DI-VERT** to a **WRONG** end, or purpose. To pervert, or corrupt means to **TWIST** the **MEANING** of something to make it mean something else. With these definitions in mind, let us consider the following passage of scripture.

[3] *Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.*

[4] *For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.* **Jude 1:3-4**

These are very serious charges made by Jude, the half-brother of Jesus Christ. Before we get into these charges, let us note that Jude, as other writers, charges God's people to "**CONTEND** for the faith."

Jude is not talking about just **ANY** faith. He is talking about **THE** faith "once delivered unto the saints. **TRUE** faith, **PURE** faith does not always come easy. The word **CONTEND** speaks of a **CONTEST**, or **STRUGGLE** against difficulties.

If there is anything in this world in which we must be in error, let it **NOT BE** about our salvation, or the **WILL** and **PLAN** of God for our lives. God makes it very **PLAIN** and **CLEAR** that when He gives plans, He intends for them to be carefully followed.

[8] *And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.*

[9] *According to all that I shew thee, **AFTER THE PATTERN** of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it.*

[40] *And look that thou make them **AFTER THEIR PATTERN**, which was shewed thee in the mount.* **Exodus 25:8-9, 40**

We will **ALWAYS** get into trouble when we attempt to interfere with God's plan. We will walk in **CONFUSION** when we think we know better than God.

*Thus did Noah; according to **all** that God commanded him, so did he.*

Genesis 6:22

God's grace is for God's purposes. When we try to make grace mean something it is not, we bring confusion, **NOT TO GOD**, but to ourselves.

Much of the teaching on grace in the church world today is **TOTALLY OPPOSITE** of what God intended. When we change the true meaning of grace to fit our

LIKES and **DISLIKES** we **PERVERT** the true meaning of grace.

One of the dictionary definitions of grace is “unmerited divine assistance given humans for their regeneration and sanctification.”

[4] *But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,*

[5] *Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*

[6] *And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:*

[7] *That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.*

[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.*

[10] *For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Ephesians 2:4-10

The true believer **MARVELS** with fascination and **BROKENNESS** as they see what God has done for them. To the **TRUE** believer, the **OVERCOMING** believer, it is sometimes overwhelming to realize what God has done **IN THEIR** life. There can be no **PRIDE** of self-accomplishment, only a humble recognition of what **GOD** has done.

Even when we realize that our faith (Romans 12:3) has been at work, we must realize that were it not for **GRACE** we would **NOT EVEN WANT** to live for God.

We must also realize that the grace of God is **NEVER** meant to **EXCUSE** or give us a **LICENSE** to sin. Those who teach such things are numbered with those of Jude 1:4. Let's listen to Paul.

[1] *What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?*

[2] **God forbid.** *How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*

Romans 6:1-2

[12] **LET NOT** *sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

[13] **NEITHER** *yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

[14] *For sin **SHALL NOT** have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

[15] *What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace?*

GOD FORBID.

Romans 6:12-15

These are not **SOFT**, hesitant words from the apostle. These are **STINGING** words of instruction. Nowhere in God's Holy Word does God give the impression that it is **ALRIGHT TO SIN** because we are under grace. Nowhere! Never! Grace does not give us permission to sin. Grace **TEACHES** us **TO NOT SIN.**

[11] *For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,*

[12] **Teaching us** *that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;*

[13] *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and*

our Saviour Jesus Christ;

[14] *Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.* **Titus 2:11-14**

Notice that Paul **CLEARLY** teaches that grace is not **FINISHED** when it brings salvation. After grace becomes our **SAVIOR**, it then becomes our **TEACHER**. And what does grace **TEACH** us? Look at it!

Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; **Titus 2:12**

Those who teach that because we are under grace, we can sin **WITHOUT** consequences, are **PERVERTING** the Word of God. Those who teach men they can be **IMMORAL** and **STILL** go to Heaven are the very ones whom Jude is describing.

For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. **Jude 1:4**

Lasciviousness is the promoting or partaking of that which encourages illicit sex, sin and lust. That is one reason Christians must be careful how they dress.

What does Jude mean when he describes these men as those **WHO DENY** the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ? He is talking about ungodly men who use the **GRACE** and **MERCY** of God to **COVER UP** their sins of lasciviousness. They **HIDE** under the **BANNER** of **GRACE** to commit their horrible sins and **CLAIM** they will still go to Heaven. They **DENY** the only Lord God by denying the **RIGHT** of **GOD** to **RULE** in their lives.

To say that we can live **IMMORAL** and **STILL** go to Heaven is to **CALL GOD** a **LIAR**.

[9] *Know ye not that the unrighteous **SHALL NOT** inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,*

[10] *Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.* **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

[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.* **Galatians 5:19-21**

Those who **PERVERT THE GRACE OF GOD** and turn it into lasciviousness are those who would have us to believe that murderers, adulterers and homosexuals will go to Heaven if they were once saved. Please understand that we are not saying murderers, adulterers, etc. cannot be saved. We are saying that people, even confessed believers who **CONTINUE** to live in sin, while they **CLAIM** to be on their way to Heaven, **ARE EITHER** liars, or deceived.

There are those who would have us to believe there are Christian Murderers, Christian Adulterers, Christian Homosexuals, Christian Bank Robbers, Christian Drunkards, and

Christian Drug Addicts, etc.

*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ **DEPART FROM INIQUITY*** **2 Timothy 2:19**

Beware of so-called Bible teachers who would make merchandise of you by leading you to believe that those **WHO LIVE IN SIN** will go to Heaven.

[1] But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

[2] And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

[3] And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

2 Peter 2:1-3

As we continue to read in the second chapter of Second Peter, we find very strong words that tell us God would not even spare the angels that sinned.

[3] And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

[4] For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

[5] And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly;

[6] And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.

2 Peter 2:3-6

Do not let the **SIZE** of a ministry, or its **MATERIAL PROSPERITY** influence you to believe a lie. Even though some have world-wide outreaches, the Judgment of God will come upon them because of their **FALSE DOCTRINE**.

[1] Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

[2] And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

[3] Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

[4] No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

2 Timothy 2:1-4

I am aware that someday, as a pastor, as an author, and a leader, I will be called upon to **GIVE AN ANSWER** for what I have said and written.

Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17

Yes, pastors and teachers **WILL** give account. If you are sitting under a false teacher, it is your responsibility to seek out a true man of God.

Do not rely on teachings of perverted grace to get you to Heaven. **YOU ARE** responsible to **SEARCH** the scriptures for **YOURSELF**.