

Galatians - the Power and Purpose of God's Grace

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What does a life changed by God's grace look like?

- God's Grace makes believers ambassadors
 - v16 – Paul set apart to become a preacher
 - Paul was an an example, we are all to be ambassadors 2 Cor 5:16-20
 - A Spirit-converted believer realizes that they were not saved for their own comfort and joy, rather they realize they now get to glorify God.
- God's Grace changes our motivations
 - v10 what is your motivation? To please God or man?
 - Paul clearly is seeking to live for God!
 - Prv 29:25 - fear of man vs. trust in the Lord
 - fear of man is the opposite of the fear of God
- Fear of God : to be awestruck by God and filled with awe and wonder and be attracted to God's greatness and mercy.
 - A proper fear of God requires a Gospel understanding Mt 10:28
- Fear of Man : elevates man's importance and crave their approval
 - Saul - 1 Sam 15:24 - feared public opinion
 - Samson - Judges 16 - feared loss of sexual favors from Delilah
 - Today - Eph 6:5-8 - being a people pleaser or only when others are watching (eye-service). Col 3:22-23. Gospel tells us instead to please God alone in our duties.
- How does the Gospel destroy the fear of man?
 - Believers realize we don't earn God's approval by our works - we get that by grace through faith and we are accepted in Jesus Eph 1:6; Gal 3:26-27
 - We live as living sacrifices for God, not our comfort Rom 12:1-2
 - Illustration: father watching son.
 - Father loves son completely
 - Son's performance doesn't change Father's love
 - If son doesn't know that he strives to perform to earn father's love
 - If son knows love, then he strives to perform to please his father

Gospel:

- We are assured of God's love and approval because of Jesus' work
- So we don't obey God to earn our salvation
- We obey God out of gratitude for His love and mercy to us
- We now GET to OBEY and GLORIFY God – how exciting!
- Power of the Gospel – what God has done for us!
- Purpose of the Gospel - how we now get to glorify God by our lives and testimony each and every day as we live in His mercy!

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