The Grace/Love Life

We feel discouraged, condemned when we feel we cannot life up to the standards that we believe God has for us. Sometimes that condemnation comes because we cannot live up to the standards we set for ourselves.

17For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18Whoever believes in him is not condemned

 John 3:17

When we talk about Grace we are talking about God's love for us

1 - Salvation

How do we become a Christian?

* Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Acts 2:38
* If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9
* For it is *by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—9not by works,* so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

Grace Covenant

* God’s Unmerited Favour to You
* Receiving the Goodness of God Even Though You Don’t Deserve It.
* Under the Old Testament Law you had to Keep the Laws. It was about DOING.
* Under the New Covenant or Grace Covenant, its not about DOING, its about RECEIVING AND TRANSFORMATION
* You can no longer earn your way to God. Its not about being good enough, because we never will be good enough, its about receiving what Jesus has done for you.

The Goal of Grace is Still Holiness. But the Holiness comes through TRANSFORMATION -

Works says I am good by what I do.

Grace says I am good by who I am, a forgiven child of God.

2 - What Happens When we Become a Christian?

* Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! 2 Corinthians 5:17
* Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more. Hebrews 10:17
* For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14
* Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

3 - FREEDOM

FREEDOM So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeedJohn 8:36

Define Freedom

 Free from the chains of sin that held you...free now to experience all that God has for you. You are not free like this until you receive Jesus Christ

4 - Sin Consciousness vs Grace Consciousness

Sin consciousness - We are more aware of our Sin than we are of God's Grace in our lives.

We believe that our sin is greater than the Grace of God, that it is even greater than the power of the blood of Jesus Christ to pay for our sins.

- You fight the battle of your mind with your words.

James says our tongue, our words are the rudder that will guide our lives.

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Matthew 11:28-30 - Message

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. *Learn the unforced rhythms of grace*. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.

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Stop beating yourself up for the things you do wrong. Stop living in fear that you are not good enough or that God is unhappy with you. Dont put back on your shoulders the things that Jesus has lifted off.

He has set you free. Free from the guilt of your sin. Free from the burdens of your mistakes and instead take on you the freedom to relax and grow.

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