

Grace Upon Grace Series
Chapter 6: Grace Delivered: The Church of His Grace

I. Series Theme Verses

(John 1:16-17) ¹⁶ For of His fullness we have all received, and **grace upon grace**. ¹⁷ For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. (NASB) (ESV) (CJB) (Deuteronomy 7:6-8)

II. Grace Series Titles: Six Chapters (Two Sundays / Chapter) (Possibly an Epilogue & an Appendices)

A. Section 1: Grace Re-Examined

1. Chapter 1: Grace in Perspective: The Importance and Meaning of Grace
2. Chapter 2: Grace Plus Theologies: “Sola Gracia” or “O Foolish Galatians” or “A Little Leaven...”
3. Chapter 3: Growing in Grace: Attitudes and Actions for Appropriating Greater Grace

B. Section 2: Grace Delivered

4. Chapter 4: Grace Delivered: The Word of His Grace
5. Chapter 5: Grace Delivered: The Spirit of His Grace
6. Chapter 6: Grace Delivered: The Church of His Grace

III. Review Chapters 1 - 3: Grace Re-Examined

- A. Grace is More than Unmerited Favor. It is Divine Empowerment to Manifest His Glory to Do His Will
- B. Grace Plus Theologies: Five Approaches to Grace. (Only Grace Plus or Upon Grace Enables Us.)
- C. Growing in Grace: Grace is Relational & Therefore Has Attitudes and Actions for Appropriating More.

IV. Review & Preview Chapters 4 -6: Grace Delivered: 3 Delivery Systems of Grace (Inextricably Intertwined)

- A. Grace Delivered: The Word of His Grace. Plenary Inspiration vs. Reductionist Hermeneutical Paradigms.
 1. False Dichotomies: Living Incarnated Word vs. Inscripturated Word; Reason vs. Experience: anti-Tradition vs. Anti-Traditionalism; Etc. (False Dichotomies: Either / Or vs. Both / And Thinking)
 2. Reductionist Gospels: Individualized; Devoid of Biblical History; Decisions vs. Disciples; Abstract
 3. Hermeneutical Paradigms: Pietism; Anti-Intellectualism & Anti-History; Dispensationalism & Its Children – Antinomianism, Retreatist Pessimillennialism, **and Anti-Supernaturalism** – Two Sources.
- B. Grace Delivered: The Spirit of His Grace (John 13 – 16; Luke 24:44-53 & Acts 1:1 – 8) 10 Points

V. Today Chapter 6: Grace Delivered: The Church of His Grace

(Matthew 16:18) I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. “οἰκοδομέω μου ἐκκλησίᾳ” (*oikodomeō mou ekklēsia*) “I will build up **My** church” (*mou* = possessive pronoun – force or antithesis) (*ekklēsia* – called out assembly used in Septuagint of Israel, etc.) (Ephesians 4:7, 11-13) But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift... ... And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; ¹³ until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. δίδωμι (*didōmi*) grant, supply necessary things

VI. Cafeteria Style Christianity – “Ala Carte”

(1 Corinthians 1:10-12) Now I exhort you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be made complete in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For I have been informed concerning you, my brethren, by Chloe’s *people*, that there are quarrels among you. ¹² Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, “I am of Paul,” and “I of Apollos,” and “I of Cephas,” and “I of Christ.” (4 Emphasis) However... Return to Scriptures & Thoughts Above.

VII. Twenty-One Areas for Church Restoration - *"We must Re-examine to Rediscover to Restore."*

1. The Lord's Day (Revelation 1:10) – Large Group (See 1 Corinthians 12 for "The One and the Many")
2. "House to house" (Acts 2:46; 5:42) Jerusalem Model vs. Antioch Model.
3. Gospel of Kingdom vs. Modern Gospel – Sin / Judgment, Repentance, Exclusivity, Historically Informed
4. Discipleship Model vs. Decision Model – (Matthew 28:18-20)
5. Sacraments (Covenant Ordinances) – Two through Seven?
 - A. Water Baptism – After Biblically Complete Conversions & Catechism Process
 - B. Communion / Eucharist / Lord's Supper – "This is My Body" "This is My Blood" (Weekly.)
 - C. Confession – (James 5:13-18) "Therefore, confess your sins to one another..." (1 John 1:1-10)
 - D. Baptism in the Holy Spirit -
 - D. Matrimony –
 - E. Ordination –
 - F. Healing – (James 5:13-18) Is anyone among you sick? ... call for the elders of the church and ...
6. Creeds – In the church from the earliest of times – A Declaration; A Proclamation; A Confession (1 Timothy 3:16) ¹⁶ By common confession, great is the mystery of godliness: "He who was revealed in the flesh, Was vindicated in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Proclaimed among the nations, Believed on in the world, Taken up in glory."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-5) ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.
7. Covenantal Community – Membership Covenant; Tithing; Community not Communalism (Malachi 3:8-12) "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation *of you!* ¹⁰ Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows. ¹¹ Then I will rebuke the devourer for you, so that it will not destroy the fruits of the ground; nor will your vine in the field cast *its grapes,*" says the LORD of hosts. ¹² "All the nations will call you blessed, for you shall be a delightful land," says the LORD of hosts.
8. Biblical Worship Patterns – The Tabernacle and the Journey into the Holy of Holies. (Psalm 22:3)
9. Models of Biblical Leadership – The Seven-Fold Service Gifts; Complimentarianism
10. Every Member Ministry – Bible Study & Other Spiritual Disciplines
11. The Nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit – (1 Corinthians 12:1-14)
12. Daily Prayer / Powerful Prayer – (Acts 2:42; 3:1; Ephesians 6:1-10; Colossians 4:2-6) Houses of Prayer
13. Missional Community – Fishers of Men
14. Church Planting Models – (Acts 1:8) (Teams) (No Head Transplants – Acts 13:1-5)
15. The First Commandment – Loving God Above All (Matthew 22:37) (Mark 12:30) (Luke 10:27) (John 14:21) Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him. (ESV) (Priesthood of All Believers)
16. Denominations vs. Affiliations (aka Networks)
17. Marriage – (Hebrews 13:4) Servant Leadership; Complimentarianism Moving close to Egalitarian River
18. Business; Economics; Work Ethic – Savings, Frugality
19. Education – Parents; Schools
20. Media –
21. "All" the Above.

VIII. Upcoming Weeks: New Series – Gifted for His Glory Series