

“Amazing Grace”

HELPFUL SCRIPTURES

SERMON NOTES

LUKE 18:9-14

I. Grace Acknowledges Sin, Beginning with Our Own

A. Grace at the Extremes

1. In our Scripture Reading we read of two believers who had come to worship God.
 - a. The publican came into the Lord’s presence carrying the weight of his own unworthiness.

Romans 6:23

- b. The Pharisee didn’t see much need for grace since he met the “3-fold description” of Discipleship...

Luke 18:11-12

2. “Christian Phariseeism”
 - a. Because many avoid the “big” sins (abortion, homosexuality, etc.), they feel good about their faith!

2 Corinthians 10:12

Matthew 7:3

Romans 14:4

Proverbs 17:9

Proverbs 20:19

Ephesians 4:29

Ephesians 4:30-32

B. The Truly Ugly Nature of Sin

1. God’s amazing grace is seen when we are willing to acknowledge the seriousness of our own sins.

- a. The Old Testament word for “*transgression*” is also translated “_____.”

1 Samuel 15:24

b. A second word which describes the seriousness of our sins is the word “_____.”

2 Samuel 12:9

C. The Underlying Cause for All Sin

1. Acknowledging the cause for sin is for many people more difficult than acknowledging the sin itself.

a. The underlying cause of all sin is _____!

Luke 2:49

Matthew 26:39

b. Like the tax-gatherer we also need to acknowledge our own sinfulness. See Paul’s example...

1 Corinthians 15:9

Ephesians 3:8

1 Timothy 2:15

2. God first “loved us,” then He “graced us,” so now we may freely love and offer grace to others!

a. “Love Chapter” **1 Cor. 13**, teaches what “love” is. Grace teaches us how to show love to others!

CONCLUSIONS:

1. A willingness to confess our sins which have arisen out of a selfish heart is a barrier only grace can break down.

Luke 18:13, 11

2. Family – We must recognize that what heaven thinks of us is far more important than what others may think/say.

1 Samuel 15:24

Matthew 26:39

3. Guests – Sin is something we all have. What separates people, however, is what we do about our sins.

Ephesians 4:29

Ephesians 1:13

Acts 5:32

Acts 2:38