

THE TEN TOP GRACE KILLERS

Grace Killer #4 Ignorance

QUICK REVIEW

Grace Killer #1 Combining Covenants

We are under one covenant only, the New Covenant. The Old Covenant is obsolete. The Old Covenant system of being blessed for obedience and cursed for lack of obedience is also obsolete.

Grace Killer #2 Not Knowing What Paul Meant by Law

When Paul wrote law, he meant to include the entire law system, including the Ten Commandments. When we try to add law to grace, we not only nullify grace but make His cross a vain act.

Grace Killer #3 Foolishness

We begin in the Spirit by grace through faith. It is foolishness to think we perfect ourselves by our own religious effort. We are perfected by grace through faith—by Him.

Now, on to Grace Killer #4: Ignorance of Who We Are and What We Have in Him

Definition of Ignorance

The state of lacking knowledge, education, comprehension, or awareness

Ignorance can have two different natures. It can be deliberate as the root of the word suggests; deliberately ignoring certain information. Or, it can be simply be that someone does not know something because either they haven't studied to learn it or have not been informed or taught.

Truth: When Jesus died and rose again, those who believe in Him were given a new identity and blessed with everything they need.

The Lie: When Jesus died and rose again nothing much changed. Mostly, we were forgiven of past sins and are going to heaven (if we live right).

SAD BUT TRUE: The growth of many believers is stopped or stunted nearly at new birth. Instead of being taught who they are and what they have been given, they are taught what God **expects** of them (works and law, do's and don'ts) and **how to seek** after Him (spiritual disciplines, formulaic relationship). **Most NEVER learn what happened at the cross.**

IT IS NOT TRUE THAT WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW WON'T HURT YOU. In fact what you don't know can cause you to live far below what has been purchased for you with **the blood of Jesus.**

KNOWLEDGE (not just information, but comprehension)

Epignosis: recognition, full discernment, **acknowledgement**

- ◆ ***Recognize:*** appreciate, assimilate, perceive, comprehend, understand
- ◆ ***Discern:*** completely recognize mentally, see, distinguish, notice, observe, perceive
- ◆ ***Acknowledge:*** admit, agree, allow, concede, confess

IT IS THROUGH THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WHAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US THAT WE BEGIN TO LIVE THE LIFE GOD INTENDS FOR US.

If ignorance is bliss, why aren't more people happy?

1. The fellowship of our faith becomes effective (powerful, active, operative) through acknowledgement (epignosis) of EVERY good thing (benefit) which is IN us IN Jesus.

Philemon 1:4-6

I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, ⁵ hearing of your love and faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints, ⁶ that the sharing (fellowship) of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment (epignosis) of every good thing (benefit) which is in you in Christ Jesus.

2. All things pertaining to life and godliness come through acknowledgment (epignosis) of Him. He has given exceedingly great and precious promise through which we partake of the divine nature.

2 Peter 1:2-4

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge (epignosis) of God and of Jesus our Lord, ³ as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge (epignosis) of Him who called us by glory and virtue, ⁴ by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

3. This acknowledgement comes by continual revelation.

Ephesians 1:17

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give (may be giving) to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge (epignosis) of Him, ¹⁸ the eyes of your understanding (realization) being enlightened (made to see, illuminated); that you may know (perceive): what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power ²⁰ which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come.

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled (may be being filled) with the knowledge (epignosis) of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding (intelligence).

Who We Are and What We Have IN HIM

Please Note: These lists are not complete. We simply RAN OUT OF TIME to complete it. We hope you will enjoy **acknowledging** these things and those we have not yet included. Enjoy the discovery!

*Keep in mind that many of these things
also speak of who we are NOT.*

I WHO WE ARE IN HIM

1. Child of God (Rom.8:15-16)
 - Beloved Child (Eph.5:1)
 - Full Child (Gal.3:26)
 - Highly Favored Child (Eph.1:6)
 - Members of His Family (Eph.3:15)
 - Children of Light (Eph.5:8)
 - Children led by Holy Spirit (Rom.8:14)
 - Hear His voice (Jn.10:27)
 - Sons of Light and the Day (1 Thes.5:5)
2. Seated with Him (Eph.2:6)
 - Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named; in this age and the one to come (Eph.1:21; Col.1:13)
3. One spirit with Him (1 Cor. 6:17)
4. Joint-heir with Christ (Col.1:12)
5. Brought near (Eph.2:13)
6. Inseparable from God (Rom.8:39)
7. Hidden with Christ in God (Co.1:3)
8. Raised with Christ (Col.2:12)
9. Christ in You (Eph.3:17; Col.1:27; Gal.2:20)
10. In Him (Phil.3:9)
11. Sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13; 4:30)
12. Temple of the Holy Spirit—individually (1 Cor.6:19)
13. Temple of the Holy Spirit—corporately (1 Cor.3:16)
14. Dwelling of God in the Spirit (Eph.2:22)
15. The Church (1 Cor.1:2)
16. Citizens of heaven (Phil.3:20)
17. In the Kingdom of God (1 Thes.2:12)
18. Rescued from domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of His beloved Son (Col.1:13)
19. Saved (Eph.2:8)
20. Born Again (Jn.3:3)
21. New Creation (2 Cor.5:17)
22. His Workmanship (Eph.2:10)
23. Saint (Rom. 1:7)
 - Being renewed to a true knowledge (Col.3:10)
24. Faithful brethren (Col.1:2)
25. Fellow workers (1 Cor.3:9)
26. Fellow citizens with Israel (Eph.2:19)
27. Stewards of the mysteries of God (1 Cor.4:1)
28. The elect of God (1 Thes.1:4)
29. The Church (Eph.1:22)
30. God's Building (1 Cor.3:9)
31. The Body of Christ (Eph.1:23)
32. Righteousness of God (2 Cor.5:21)
33. Partakers of Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4)



34. Dead/Crucified (Col.3:3; Gal.2:20)

- To the Law (Rom.7:4-6; Gal.2:19)
- To Sin (Rom. 6:11;1 Pet.2:24; Col.3:5)
- To what we were held by (Rom.7:6)
- To the elementary principles of the world (Col.2:20)
- Buried with him in baptism (Col.2:12)
- Hidden with Christ in God (Col.3:3)

35. Alive together with Christ (Eph.2:5; Col.2:13)

- Live by faith in Jesus (Gal.2:20)

36. Light in the Lord (Eph. 5:8)

37. Ambassadors for Christ (Eph.6:20)

38. Ministers of Reconciliation (2 Cor.5:18)

39. Able ministers of the New Covenant (2 Cor.3:6)

40. In the Spirit (Rom.8:9)

- We please God (Rom.8:8-9)

41. Reconciled (Rom.5:10; 2 Cor.5:18; Col.1:21)

- To God (Col.1:22)
- To Israel (Eph.1:16)

42. Complete in Him (Col.2:10)

43. Blessed

- Every spiritual blessing (Eph.1:2)
- All things pertaining to life (2 Pet.1:3)

44. Chosen to be holy, blameless before Him in love (Eph. 1:5)

45. Glorified (Rom.8:30)

II WHAT WE HAVE IN HIM

1. Relationship
 - We know Him (Phil.3:8,10)
2. Love from God (Rom.5:8; Gal.2:20; Eph.2:4)
3. Revelation in the knowledge of Him (Eph.1:17)
4. Spirit, Soul, and Body Blameless (1 Thes.5:23)
5. Boldness and confident access through faith in Him (Eph.3:12)
6. Personally taught of the of the Lord
 - My sheep hear my voice (Jn.10:27)
 - They shall know me (Jer.31:34)
 - We have an anointing from the Holy One Who teaches us (1 Jn.2:27)
7. Baptism
 - Into the body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:13)
 - Into water (Mk.16:16)
 - Into the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38-39)
8. The Lord's Table: Communion (1 Cor.11:23-26)
9. Gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor.12)
10. Brotherly Love (1 Jn.4:7; Jn.13:35; Eph.1:15; 1 Thes.3:12; 1 Thes.4:9)
11. Mutual Caring (Acts 6; Acts 4:34; Rom.12:13; 2 Cor.9:12; Gal.6:10)
12. Unity of the Spirit and the Faith (Eph.4:3,13)
13. Equality of gender, class, and race (Gal.3:28)
14. Non-hierarchal system (Matt.20:25-28; 23:8-11; Eph.5:21)
 - No one has dominion over our faith (2 Cor.1:24)
15. Responsibility and Right to Judge/Discern
 - Teachings (Acts 17:11; Gal.1:6-8; Matt.16:11; Col.2:8)
 - False Ministers (Matt.7:15)
 - Spirits (1 Thess. 5:19-21)
 - Actions (Gal.5:15)
16. Mind of Christ (1 Cor.2:16)
 - Renewed in the spirit of our mind (Eph.4:24)
17. Knowledge (1 Cor.1:5)
18. Veil removed (2 Cor.3:13)
19. Wisdom from God (1 Cor.1:30)
20. Discernment (Phil.1:9; Heb.5:14)
21. Inward man renewed daily (2 Cor.4:16)
22. Truth (Jn.8:32; Eph.6:14)
23. Riches of His super-abounding grace (Rom.5:15,20; 2 Cor.9:8)
 - The surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus (Eph.2:7)
 - Partakers of grace (Phil.1:7)
24. Healing—Wholeness—Health (1 Pet.2:24)
25. Mercy (Rom.11:30)
26. Rest (Matt.11:28)
 - Cease from our own works (Heb.4:10)
27. Peace (Phil.4:6-7; Col.1:20; Phil.1:13; Col.1:9)
28. Contentedness (Phil.4:11-13; 1 Tim.6:8)

29. Fruitful (Col.1:6; Gal. 5:22)
30. Joy (Phil.4:4; Col.1:11; 1 Thes.1:6; 1 Thes.5:16)
31. Comfort (1 Thes.4:18; 5:11; 2 Cor. 3-4)
32. Our needs met (Matt.6:33; Phil.4:19)
33. Success/Prosperity (1 Cor.16:2; 3 Jn.1:2; Mk.10:29-30)
34. Freedom from fear (Rom. 8:15, Heb. 2:14-15)
35. Freedom from Satan (Col.2:15)
 - Mighty weapons of warfare against spiritual forces (Eph.6:12)
36. Freedom from the law and its curses (Col.2:14)
37. Freedom about what we eat and drink (1 Cor.10:23)
38. Holiness (sanctification) (Col.1:22; 1 Cor.1:30; 1 Cor.6:11)
39. Righteousness/Justification (legal right-standing with God) (Phil.3:9)
 - Reign in Life (Rom.5:17)
 - No accusation (blamelessness) (Rom.8:33)
 - No condemnation (Rom.8:34)
 - Fruit of righteousness (Phil.1:11)
 - Breastplate of righteousness (Eph.6:14)
40. Forgiveness of Sin
 - We are already forgiven (Eph.4:32)
 - Forgiven all transgression (Col.2:13)
 - Forever Forgiven (Heb.10:14-15)
 - Continual Forgiveness (1 Jn.1:7)
 - No sin-consciousness (Heb. 10:2)
 - Not a sinner, but righteous (Rom.5:19; 2 Cor.5:21; 1 Tim.1:9)
41. Continual perfection (maturity) by Him (Phil.1:6)
42. Everlasting/Eternal Life (John 3:36; Jn.6:47; 1 Cor.15:19)
43. Eternal Redemption through His blood (Eph.1:7; 1 Cor.1:30)
44. Saved from wrath (Rom.5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10; 1 Thess. 5:9)
45. Will not come into judgment (Jn.5:24)
46. Will judge angels (1 Cor.6:3)
47. Hope (Col.1:5; 2 Cor.3:12)
 - We will be revealed with Him in glory (Col.3:4)
 - We will be forever with Him (1 Thess. 4:17)
48. Resurrection from the dead (Phil.3:11)
 - Transformed body—future (Phil.3:21)
 - Meet the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:17)
 - Put on incorruption and immortality (1 Cor.15:51-54)
49. Gifted (1 Cor.1:7)
50. Strengthened/bettered by tribulations (Rom.5:3)
51. Suffer for His sake (Phil.1:29)
52. Victorious in Tribulation (Rom.8:37; 2 Tim.3:11)
53. Delivered from death in persecution (2 Cor.1:8-10)
54. Surpassing great power (Eph.1:19)
55. Strengthened with power/strong in the Lord (Eph.3:16,20; 6:10; Col.1:11)
56. Power
 - Of his resurrection (Phil.3:10; Rom.8:11)
 - Of the message of the cross (1 Cor.1:18)
 - Treasure in earthen vessels (2 Cor.4:7)

57. Exceeding great and precious promises (2 Pet. 1:4)
58. All the promises Yes and Amen (2 Cor. 1:20)
59. Answered prayer (Eph. 3:20; Jn. 16:24)
60. Exceedingly abundantly above all we can ask or think (Eph. 3:21)
61. The Father is well-pleased to give us THE KINGDOM (Lk. 12:32).
62. All things are ours (1 Cor. 3:21-23)

- We don't have to keep the Law to get these things (GK 1 & 2).
- We don't have to get "more", do "more" or be "better" to get these things (GK3).
- We don't have to be ignorant of these things (GK4).

All of these things, who we are, and what we've been given ARE BY GOD'S GRACE THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS, NOT BY WORKS.

WARNING

Grace Killer 3 (Foolishness) tries to cancel out Who We Are and What We Have in Him. It says,

"Wow! This is awesome! How do I get all this???" and answers, "If YOU will only..."

**THESE THINGS ARE
ALREADY OURS.
We don't have to "get"
them because
we already HAVE THEM.**

**IT IS
FINISHED!!!**

A FEW MORE THOUGHTS TO CONSIDER

- ❖ It is VERY COMMON when speaking of all He has made us and all He has given us for someone who is opposed to the gospel of grace to say things such as this, "Oh, I see. You are into being a Christian for all you can get out of it. That sounds very self-centered to me. You should be a Christian ONLY to serve God. All this talk about God giving you goodies is nothing short of greed."

This is IGNORANCE to the max.

Everything we are and everything has given to us have been GIVEN to us. They are gifts. He was the one who decided to bestow His grace upon us. Shall we reject His kindness? Are we so proud as to insert such false humility?

Furthermore, who we are and what he has given to us came at a precious price—His suffering, His blood, and His sacrifice—

Jesus DESERVES that you receive EVERYTHING he died to give you.

- ❖ As we read these two lists, we usually become aware that we are not currently experiencing certain ones. What do we do?
- 1) Hear the good news: Allow yourself to be fed the good news in that area by reading the scripture.
 - 2) Faith comes by hearing the good news. As you begin to “hear” the good news, faith simply comes.
 - 3) Respond by receiving. Receiving is the same as acknowledging/confessing—saying it out loud. Keep in mind, confessing isn’t what gives you anything. You have already been given these things. Faith comes after hearing of the good news. We simply receive them.

**It’s not that complicated. God gives (grace).
We believe (faith) and receive (confess/acknowledge).**

Romans 10:5-12, 17

For Moses writes about the righteousness which is of the law, “The man who does those things shall live by them.”⁶ But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down from above)⁷ or, “‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).⁸ But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach):⁹ that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.¹¹ For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.”¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.¹³ For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

¹⁷ So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (of Christ—the good news¹).

¹ NASB translates “word of God” as “word of Christ”. In context it is clear that it is referring to the gospel, the good news.