

Hyper-Grace Lesson 1

Common arguments against the teachings of Grace

False: Grace teachers teach against holiness and personal accountability.

1 Peter 1:14

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts *which were yours* in your ignorance, ¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;¹⁶ because it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

- **Holiness According to Grace**

Colossians 1:22

Yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him **holy** and blameless and beyond reproach—

Colossians 3:12

So, as those who have been chosen of God, **holy** and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Ephesians 1:4

Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be **holy** and blameless before Him. In love

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a **holy** nation, a people for *God’s* own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Holiness According to Grace

- *We live holy lives BECAUSE of who we are, holy and blameless in his sight.*
- *We teach heart transformation not behavior modification.*

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you (he) will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ

- **False: Grace teachers teach that sin is “no big deal, and “without consequence”**

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- **The Truth about Sin**

1. We are forever forgiven past present and future.

Colossians 2:13

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions.

2. When we sin God will not impute it to us.

Romans 4:7-8

Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

⁸ *Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.*

3. We should not be sin conscious.

Hebrews 10:2

Having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins.

Jesus sacrifice was good enough!

3. Sin has no dominion over us BECAUSE of grace.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.

Disagreement about 1 John 1:9

Most grace teachers agree that 1 John 1 is addressed to non-believers; thus, 1 John 1:9 applies to those who need to be born again, not to believers.

Those opposed to “hyper-grace” insist that we MUST confess sins in order to be forgiven.

- What We Teach about 1 John 1:9

1. Confession of sin in order to be forgiven or “right” with God is not for the Church.

- We are forever forgiven already
- We are made “right” by receiving the GIFT of righteousness.

Romans 5:17

Much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

- What We Teach about 1 John 1:9

2. John wrote 1 John 1:9 to the Gnostics who did not believe in sin, let alone that they had any (nor did they believe that Jesus came in the flesh).

- What We Teach about 1 John 1:9

3. When John wrote to the church he said their sins were already forgiven.

1 John 2:12

I am writing to you, little children, because your sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake.

- What We Teach about 1 John 1:9

4. Paul never told the Christians to confess their sins in order to be forgiven.

John wrote 1 John nearly 30 years after Paul had died. So that would mean that all the people to whom Paul ministered NEVER knew they had to confess their sins to be forgiven, and thus died UNFORGIVEN.

Disagreement about Whether or Not Sin Affects Our Relationship with God

- Grace teachers claim that our relationship and right-standing with God is not harmed if we sin.
- Those opposed to “hyper-grace” insist that God turns His back on us when we sin, or that He will not hear us until we get right with Him.
- The Truth about our Relationship with God

Hebrews 13:5-6

For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”⁶ So we may boldly say: “The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.

False:

Grace teachers say
that the teachings of Jesus
don't apply to us today.

- **The Truth about Jesus Teachings**

We teach to rightly divide (accurately handle) the Word of truth. Context is everything.

- *Some of Jesus' words clearly apply to us today.*
 - *"Love one another as I have loved you." "Love you enemies."*
- *Some of His words were for specific people who lived under the law.*
 - *You do well to tithe your mint and rue.*
- *Some of His teachings were for the Jews to prepare them for the kingdom of God; telling them what they needed to do to receive it.*
 - *Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees you will by no means enter the kingdom of God.*
- *Some of His words were for all people for all time.*
 - *Give and it will be given to you...*
- *Some of His teachings could not be fully understood until after the cross.*
 - *He who does not pick up His cross and follow me is not worthy of me.*

- **This Gospel is a Covenant of Grace**

Acts 20:24

So that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God.

Ephesians 2:7

So that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.