



the GracePlace

COMMUNITY CHURCH

- There is a big difference between _____ and knowing about Jesus.
- How do you get to know God in a _____ way?
 1. _____ – it takes time to know anybody, to develop a relationship.
 2. _____ – you must talk to God – pray – relationships require communication.

SCRIPTURE - **John 16:24** "Until now you have not asked for anything in My name. Ask and your joy will be complete."

- 3. _____ – relationships are built on trust – God wants you to learn to trust Him.

KEY POINT TO REMEMBER – Just call it Amazing _____.

- It is amazing grace because it sounds too good to be _____.
- It is amazing grace because it is _____.
- Grace Defined: *favor or _____ extended to someone who doesn't _____ it and can never _____ it."*
- It is amazing grace because grace flies in the _____ of our "performance pays" mentality.

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| <p>Weekend Services Saturday, 6:00 pm, Sunday, 9:00 am and 11:00 am <i>Live streaming www.thegraceplace.com/live (all services)</i> <i>Sermons on the web at www.thegraceplace.com/tv</i> <i>Nursery, Children and Youth programs at all Services</i></p> | <p>TV Broadcast Sundays, 8:00 a.m. WTCN, Comcast 15 Broadcast 43</p> |
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How To Be Happy For The Rest Of Your Life – Sermon #8
Happy Are Those Who Are Grace - Full
Philippians 3:1-11

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1. RESIST _____ ATTITUDES.

- Legalism destroys the _____ in your Christian life.
 1. Legalism is substituting rules and regulations for my _____ to Christ.
 2. In the early New Testament times the _____ were called Judaizers.
 3. In Philippians 3, Paul is attacking the Judaizers who are trying to steal the _____ of the Christians in Philippi.

SCRIPTURE - **Philippians 3:2-3** – "Watch out for those who do evil, those dogs, men who insist on cutting the body. We worship God by His Spirit, and rejoice in our life in Christ Jesus. We do not put any trust in external circumstances."

- Legalism is a grace-killer because we allow religious _____ to become more important than Biblical principles.

SCRIPTURE – **Mark 7:3,8-13** "...holding to the tradition of the elders... You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men..."

- Legalism is a grace-killer because it breeds _____ instead of authenticity.

SCRIPTURE – **Mark 7:6,7** "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..."

- 1. Hypocrisy is evidenced by _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Galatians 2:11** "But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned."

2. Hypocrisy is characterized by _____ a lot better than you walk.

➤ Legalism is a grace-killer because it more focused on _____ than the heart.

SCRIPTURE – **Mark 7:14-23** "...it is what comes out of a man that makes him unclean."

➤ You resist legalism when you live each day by _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:4** "Though I myself have reason for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reason to put confidence in the flesh, I have more. Circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. In regard to the law, a Pharisee. As for zeal, persecuting the church. As for legalistic righteousness, flawless."

➤ You know you are falling into the _____ of legalism when:

1. You begin to trust in _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:5** Paul says "I was circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel."

2. Don't trust in a spiritual _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:5** "I was of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin."

3. Don't trust in _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:5** "I was a Hebrew of Hebrews".

4. Don't trust in _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:5** "In regard to the law, I was a Pharisee."

5. Don't trust in _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:6** "As for zeal and legalistic righteousness, I was faultless."

➤ Paul said _____ is not a matter of rules, rituals and regulations.

SCRIPTURE – **Romans 14:17** "For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit."

2. REEVALUATE YOUR _____.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:7,8** "But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus, my Lord, for whom I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ."

➤ You can be a very religious person – but very spiritually _____.

1. He compares the value of religion to the value of a _____ to Christ – there is no comparison.

2. Keep your spiritual _____ in perspective.

➤ Grace means you have to give up your _____ in order to have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

SCRIPTURE – **Luke 12:15** "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

➤ The number one reason why people don't have _____ is misplaced priorities.

1. They are afraid that they are going to have to _____ something in order to become a Christian.

2. When you come to Jesus Christ you give up everything you've got – otherwise you're not a real Christian – it is total _____.

➤ Whatever it is that you are unwilling to give up is the very thing that is _____ you of joy and happiness.

3. REFOCUS YOUR _____.

➤ Lasting happiness comes from knowing _____ better and better.

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:10** "I want to **know** Christ and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in His suffering, becoming like Him in His death."

SCRIPTURE – **Philippians 3:10** The Amplified version describes this value more clearly – "For my determined purpose is that I may know Christ -- that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more strongly and more clearly."