

GFBC Thursday Night's Scriptural Study
Lesson # 130
Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:29-32 {KJV}
Teaching Verses-31-32 {NLT}

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TEXT – EPHESIANS 4:31-32

TITLE – REPLICATING GOD'S GRACE TOWARD OTHERS

VV-31-32-{NLT}-“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³²Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”

Replicating God's grace toward others. The word replicate means to copy or reproduce. God's grace cannot be reproduced. However, the acts of caring, kindness, love, mercy, can be replicated toward others. God's grace is a gift. It is undeserving. Grace is the unmerited favor of God.

God's grace cannot be earned, purchased, legislated, legalized, or vetoed. Grace is a gift from God. God's grace heals, delivers, strengthens, and sustains.

God's grace is the invisible power of God that penetrates into the deep areas of our condition, and restores, refreshes, and renews that which has caused damage, created mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual despair. None of our pain and or suffering is too deep for God's grace to reach.

There is no condition that is too far gone, which God's grace cannot reverse. The grace of God can repair, restore, and or rehabilitate anything that is creating disorder in the body, mind, soul, or spirit.

The grace of God has the power to perform miracles. Miracles cannot be performed without the grace and the power of God. The grace of God does not make noise while it is working.

The grace of God is silently effective in whatever it does. The grace of God has your “best interest.” The grace of God will never leave you stranded.

No matter how piercing and painful your condition may be, your condition cannot frustrate or weaken the ministering work of God's grace. God's grace will always strengthen and sustain you through your crisis. God's grace will never fall short of the divine standards of God.

The principal objective of grace is to do the will of God; and to successfully complete its assignment. The assignment of God's grace is holistic. If you are broken, God's grace can fix you! And if God's grace does not fix you or your condition, it will strengthen, and sustain you through your process.

And although God's grace is purposed to heal, deliver, strengthen, sustain, and transform, it is also purposed to teach us the selfless principles of God. In order to replicate God's grace, your ministering gifts must be reflective of the fruit of the Spirit {Galatians 5:22-23}.

God's grace is unmerited and undeserving. Therefore, in order for you to minister grace to others, the requirement is, to show love, kindness, and mercy even unto those who are undeserving.

The teachable experiences about the selfless principles of God were demonstrated toward us. Even while we were enemies of God, He displayed the greatest love scene toward us without resentment or regret. The Bible says, **“But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” {Romans 5:8, KJV}.**

The New Living translation of Romans 5:8 says, **“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.”** All that God has done to and for us, He did it for Christ’s sake.

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And because of what God has done for us for Christ’s sake, we ought to seek to model and minister God’s generosity of grace to others. The teaching text in the NLT says, **“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. ³² Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”**

The KJV translation of Ephesians 4:31-32 says, **“Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”**

God’s grace is not purposed just to heal, deliver, make whole, strengthen, and sustain you only. God’s grace is not selfish or self-centered.

God’s grace is purposed to transform us as a result of His undeserving kindness shown toward us. God’s grace does not discriminate. God’s grace does not show favoritism.

When God sees our condition, He doesn’t have to do a background check before He decides if our condition merits His grace. God’s grace is unconditional. God’s grace is always need driven without conditional requirements.

When you are a recipient of God’s grace, you need to understand there are two eternal, irrefutable operating principals about God’s grace. God’s grace is unmerited, and it is undeserving.

God’s grace is a gift. And it cannot be acquired by on demand subscribers. When God gifts and gives you grace, the goal of God’s grace is to minister, manage, and master your condition through the healing power of the Holy Spirit.

The purpose of God’s grace is to heal, deliver, strengthen, sustain us so that God’s power is made perfect in our weakness. God’s grace is not only purposed to relieve, strengthen, and sustain us in our moments of despair, and desperation; but God’s grace is also purposed to help us bless others who are undeserving.

And when you have experienced the undeserving grace of God, you should not allow yourself to withhold love, grace, mercy, kindness, favor, and forgiveness from others who are undeserving. The teaching text in the New King James translation says, **“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you” {Ephesians 4:32}.**

God’s grace is a mixture of the attributes of God. God’s grace is a microcosm of His inseparable love, His everlasting mercy, His fruitful favor, and His faithful forgiveness. God’s grace is the invisible power of God that cannot fail or be frustrated by the severity of your condition.

And because of the generosity of God’s grace, we should replicate God’s grace toward others. God’s grace is not selfish. God’s grace is not constricted, or restricted.

God’s grace is nondenominational. God’s grace is sufficient for all conditions and situations. God’s grace is transformative.

God’s grace is transformative because it operates in conjunction and under the authority of the Holy Ghost. Obedience to the word of God, and the ministering managing work of God’s grace, the Holy Ghost creates a clean heart in us and transforms the mind.

The Bible says, **“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” {Romans 12:2, KJV}.**

Now, in order to be kind, tenderhearted, and forgiving, your action, and behaviour has to be demonstrated toward others in spite of how others have violated you. When you have experienced God's grace, you really don't have a right to hold onto anger, bitterness, and brokenness.

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As a recipient of God's grace, we are obligated to show love, kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness toward others even though they are underserving. God showed you kindness, God showed us kindness in spite of the fact that we were undeserving.

When one is undeserving, it means that they are not deserving. We don't deserve God grace, but because of His goodness and His mercy, His gift of grace is God's way of demonstrating to us the richness and the resiliency of His unconditional love.

As believers, no matter what the culture around us says or does, the teaching text commands the community of believers to **be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgive you** {Ephesians 4:32}.

Kindness is a virtue of love. And the "authenticating badge" of a believer is love. Jesus told His disciples, **"A new commandment I give unto you; That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples, if ye have love one to another"**{John 13:34-35}.

There are people who don't deserve your love, but grace love is loving those who are underserving. Being tenderhearted requires showing compassion toward others who might have wounded or violated you.

The teaching text says, **be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgive you** {Ephesians 4:32}. You can't be tenderhearted and not forgive.

Forgiveness is letting go of someone else's sin that has hurt, and or offended you. Forgiveness releases. Forgiveness allows the Holy Ghost to restore, refresh, renew, and rehabilitate.

And when you show kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgive others, you are replicating God's grace toward others. Replicating God's grace requires a 7-step approach for blessing others:

1. **Forgiveness:** Unconditionally forgiving others, even when they don't deserve it
2. **Compassion:** Looking at others with sympathy and concern for their suffering
3. **Kindness:** Showing kindness, encouragement, and care to others
4. **Generosity:** Giving to others, even when it's more blessed to give than to receive
5. **Taking on problems:** Helping others solve problems that can bless many people
6. **Being a blessing:** Serving others with the motivation of being a blessing to their lives
7. **Being non-discriminatory:** Seeing everything as one and the same

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