

Entering and Reigning in The Kingdom-Our ONLY Focus Part 7

It is All by Grace

1 Corinthians 9:24 Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. **25** Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but **we DO it** (*something to do*) **to get a crown** that will last for ever. **26** Therefore I **DO** not run like a man running aimlessly; I **DO** not fight like a man beating the air. **27** No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, **I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.**

2 Timothy 1:9 who has **saved** us **and** called us to a **holy life**—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. **This grace was given us** in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time,

"There is a tendency ... for dispensationalists to get carried away with compartmentalizing truth to the point that they can make unbiblical distinctions. An almost obsessive desire to categorize everything neatly, has led various dispensationalist interpreters to draw hard lines not only between the church and Israel, but also between salvation and discipleship, the church and the kingdom, Christ's preaching and the apostolic message, faith and repentance, and the age of law and the age of grace."

Hebrews 12:28 American Standard Version (ASV) Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with reverence and awe:

Luke 14:26 "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life—**he cannot be my disciple.**

27 And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

28"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? **29** For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him,

30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' **31** "Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Will he not first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? **32** If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. **33** In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple. **34** "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? **35** It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

James 2:14-26 **14** What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? **15** Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food.

16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," **but does nothing** about his physical needs, what good is it? **17** In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not **accompanied by action**, is DEAD.

18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I **DO**. **19** You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder. **20** You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? **21** Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? **22** You see that his **faith and his actions were working together**, and his faith was made complete by what he DID.

23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness,"and he was called God's friend.

24 You see that a person is justified by what **HE DOES** and not by faith alone. **25** In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered righteous for what **she did** when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction? **26** As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds **is dead**.

1 Corinthians 15:2 By this gospel you are saved, **IF** you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

James 2:19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

Matthew 7:21 "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but ONLY HE **who does** the will of my Father who is in heaven.

Hebrews 3:19 So we see that they were not able **to enter**, because of their **unbelief**.

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Heb 3:12 See to it, brothers, that none of you has a sinful, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God.

Hebrews 3:16 Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? **17** And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? **18** And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? **19** So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief.

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Acts 20:24 But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others **the Good News** about the wonderful grace of God. **25** "And now I know that none of you to whom **I have preached the Kingdom** will ever see me again. **26** I declare today that I have been faithful. If anyone suffers eternal death, it's not my fault, **27** for I didn't shrink from declaring all that God wants you to know.

28 “So guard yourselves and God’s people. Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.

29 I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. **30** Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following. **31** Watch out! Remember the three years I was with you—my constant watch and care over you night and day, and my many tears for you. **32** “And now I entrust you to God and the message of **his grace** that is able to **build you up and give you an inheritance** with all those he has set apart for himself. **33** “I have never coveted anyone’s silver or gold or fine clothes. **34** You know that these hands of mine have worked to supply my own needs and even the needs of those who were with me. **35** And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” **36** When he had finished speaking, he knelt and prayed with them. **37** They all cried as they embraced and kissed him good-bye. **38** They were sad most of all because he had said that they would never see him again. Then they escorted him down to the ship.