

Appendix B

DEAR BROTHER

-----, Greetings to you and -----.

Sunday, March 29, 2009

I quote part of your last email that is so wonderful and provocative.

"I was reading some scripture, Romans 5:21 caught my attention [["That as sin hath reigned unto (*eis*, for result of) death, even so might grace reign through (*dia*) righteousness unto (*eis*, for result of) eternal life by (*dia*) Jesus Christ our Lord."]]. It clearly indicates how grace is offered to the believer (*dia*, through righteousness, *dia*, through Jesus Christ). Even grace, which teaches us to live soberly and righteously ["For the grace of God that is bringing salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and Godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12)], is only given through righteousness unto [[*eis*, for result of]] eternal life. It's the life lived in righteousness through obedience of faith (mind of Christ) [[Rom 1:5 and 16:26]] that we will experience the grace that brings eternal life. The so-called believer that says they are saved by grace but lives a life of disobedience never will actually experience the grace offered by God because they will be cast into the lake of fire. Thus the complete grace and mercy of God is primarily experienced at the judgment, not the minute I express my belief in God. Yes, being reborn is God's unmerited favor to us, but this is of no value if I do not live obedient to the faith. If I make ship wreck my faith. False grace did nothing for me but offer false security. I'm not sure I'm expressing this as clearly as I see it in my mind."

Your statement, "false grace did nothing for me but offer false security," is so perceptive. And, -----, you have expressed it extremely well in my understanding, at least.. It greatly thrills me and exhorts me to read this from you. -----, I miss those mornings over coffee as well. Our Camelot was a wonderful spot and time of the year, "Camelot." I am oft reminded of it, -----. God has greatly Blessed us together. That song in the play, Camelot, on Broadway stage, easily brings tears to my eyes.

Dear Brother, you have hit a nerve in me to answer, regarding, **the Final Judgment in regard to grace**. And that the grace of God is truly and fully experienced and manifest through the means of the Final Judgment. Experienced, not only at the moment we commit ourselves with the resulting "birth-from-above," as you said. You really have a marvelous understanding, in my opinion. I doubt that there are many people in the world today that can conceive the full Truth of how this is the full TRUTH of grace itself.

As you have said in the past, they seem to stop at the cross, thinking this is all that is necessary. A GREAT ERROR, sending many to hell, thinking all their future living is "a home free" card, called the "grace of God." What a terrible unscriptural, ungodly, nonsense. Christ died to save "from" sinning, to (**restore**) us in our everyday Living WITH HIM, now and for Eternity; not to give us fire insurance and a free license to sin.

People do not understand because of the Calvinist KJV translation and the modern more false understandings since then. The better translations are given in Doffun, as "Greek scriptures," under Atonement and Justification/Sanctification. [||| Hopefully, at some time we will have an complete NT interlinear with the one lemma one meaning on Doffun.com All the books offered at www.crisispub.com are exhaustive in explaining all the Greek scriptures properly in regard to doctrines and particularly the Atonement (RESTORATION) of what Christ scripturally did on the cross. Please avail yourself of crisispub.com's books and e-books; they receive our highest recommendation.]|||

Your great insight that it is "false grace" is really marvelous, and helps me so much by your exhortation concerning this. We can strengthen each other in this understanding. This is why I would like to detail the whole thing in my understanding, at least as best I can. Perhaps, you would like to add to it also..

Your considerations of "righteousness" are certainly provocative, thought provoking. "Grace reigns through righteousness for the result of Eternal Life through Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom 5:21). Your statements clearly pertain to some questions to which you, of course, clearly know the answer. I'd like to address the related questions, that those whom you so pointedly say, "stop at the cross" and have a "false grace" understanding, might want to ask. Very few will ask this because of their total deceptions and blindness. But these same people should be asking: "Must we be righteous in ourselves or may we obtain righteousness by another means? And is "our" righteousness here on earth even a requirement for Heaven, seeing we are saved by grace alone?"

Let us consider the place of righteousness to us on earth. I think understanding God's "Righteousness," in relation to us, will certainly clarify, as by a beacon, this false "grace" understanding they have.

Since there is no mistaking that righteousness (right related to God) is a clear requirement for anything to enter a Heaven where only those who are right related to a God of Pure Holiness and Truth and Love can exist. **It is a truly first humbling experience** to learn that **only the Attributes of God can be tolerable in God's Presence, in His Heaven, or at anytime.**

This understanding first comes, we believe from what scriptures say, about prevenient or "preventing grace,"(as Wesleyans call it) whereby God himself initially enlightens (Jn 12:32) our minds as to Himself and our sinful relation to Him, enlightening us, "preventing us," from continuing in our sinful ways, IF we would only "choose" to accept the repentance and commitment freely offered to us, committing ourselves to obedience to Him and His Attributes for Eternity, as He commands us in His scriptures (Mark 1:14-15).

This is what true gospel preaching is all about, convicting of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Who can respond to such preaching? Only those convicted by the "preventing grace" enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, can respond. No man can convince another to forsake his delights and joys in fulfilling the lusts of his flesh. Only God Himself in convicting and enlightening power of His Holy Spirit can do this. This is what John Wesley called "preventing grace" or prevenient grace.

Thereafter, relating human behavior and thinking to Heavenly thinking standards and behaviors is very startling to someone even capable of such discernment. Also, in the first place, the only humans capable of this discernment (discriminating judgment) are those of Heavenly natures born-from-above. This discernment, also, is of momentous importance. This discernment itself can only be through the agency of God Himself giving us this ability after born-from-above.. This **second humbling understanding (this contrast of beings, human vs. God within us)** makes one shiver in fear of such awesome revelation, itself from such a Great Holy and Truth yet Loving God, to give us this understanding, **only perceived in regenerated hearts (Spirit and soul) by our "birth-from-above,"** after we commit ourselves to Him.

We of human status can rightly and greatly fear Him in these revelations to us, made possible only by Him alone. This great fear becomes a comfort to us, knowing its Loving origin of such, Our Great Creator, our Heavenly Father, Who has given to us this understanding, through His Mind alone, Lovingly instilled into our spirits to assure, guide, teach, gift, and empower us, to do His Will while on earth. What Love, also, this evokes from us in adoration of Him in His Great Glory, Spiritual Perfection, in His restoration of us (great At-one-ment) to His Presence for Eternity. Oh, How Great and Wonderful Thou Art. God be merciful to me.

Now, what is our duty in this "grace of God?"

Grace of God (God's method to save us) can only be scripturally defined as, "*Christ in you (faith), through your obedience, doing what you cannot do yourself.*" Our duty is obedience. "As you have received Christ the Lord, so walk ye in Him" (Col 2:7). Away with the cheap clichés we have all learned about this wonderful method of God to us, this grace. The scriptures are replete with the necessity of our obedience of faith (indwelling Holy Spirit Mind of Christ) to fulfill His purposes in His restoration of us to son-ship with Him. We are very plainly "saved by grace through faith (*epi*) concerning good works" (Eph 2:8-10). His example, in how this would be accomplished, was given to us by Christ Himself during His own example on earth, who said:

"For I came down from heaven, **not to do mine own will**, but the will of Him that sent Me" (John 6:38).

"I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and My judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent Me" (John 5:30).

"Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and **the Father in Me?** The words that I speak unto you **I speak not of Myself**, but **the Father that dwelleth in Me , He doeth the works**" (John 14:10).

And of great importance to seal this understanding of "obedience of faith" (Rom 1:5 and 16:26), our risen Lord said "first thing" after His resurrection:

"Peace be unto you. **AS MY FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO SEND I YOU**" (John 20:21). [[Remember, "**The father that dwelleth in Me, "He doeth the works**" (John 14:10), **I seek not mine own will** (John 5:30).]]

So to answer your question about righteousness being necessary. Yes, righteousness, rightly related to God, is absolutely necessary. And this righteousness might be stated as being Holy, without which no man will see the Lord (Heb 12:14) Also, is this righteousness ours intrinsically? It is only ours in the sense that "Christ Jesus, who of God, is made to (dative, indirect object) us wisdom, and righteousness, and Holiness, and restoration" (1 Cor 1: 30) by His indwelling of us here on earth. And as Jesus gave us example, we are then **one with God**, in the family of the Father, and citizens of Heaven. We must only be obedient to do the Will the Father as He guides us. Just as our Lord gave us example when He dwelt among us in His earthly body.

So my Summation response to these inquirers about righteousness, is YES, it is required. We are only righteous as we have Christ's indwelling Life in us, and we are being obedient to His indwelling Life. And we can only achieve Heaven by God's means of obedience to Himself, producing "God-good" (agathos) works through us through His great grace only. Therefore, this grace (God's Method to save us) can clearly be defined as: "*Holy Spirit Mind of Christ (faith) in you, through your obedience (obedience of faith), doing what you cannot do yourself.*" "Christ in you, the hope of Glory" (Col 1:27).

Yes, we are saved by grace through faith alone, with intent to good works. And it is all "concerning **good works**" (Eph 2:8-10) **by which all men shall be judged.....by their works....God-good (agathos) or self-works (evil) works,** for their eternal destiny. The NT scriptures could not be clearer on stating this over 50 times.

[[[Quite contrary to this clear and evident proof in scriptures, the Dispensational "grace" regardless and Calvinists teachings are that works are not the means of Final Judgment, in direct contradiction of all scriptures. They teach that our obedience to God is not necessary for salvation. That would be returning to the OT law, they say. **Yes, it definitely is, the moral Law only.** The social and religious ordinances were removed by Christ's death (Col 2:12-17). Christ said He came to fulfill the law (Matt 5:17-18), through faith we establish the law (Rom 3:31), and that righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, **BUT according to the Spirit (faith),** Rom 8:4. We do not follow the moral Law in our flesh, we

fulfill it by obedience to the Holy Spirit of Christ (faith) in the Spirit. "Who also hath made us able ministers of the New Testament (Covenant); not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life" (2 Cor 3:6). The Pharisees were condemned to hell.

His death on the cross was to provide us the means, through His indwelling Presence (faith) in us to lead us, teach us, assure us, gift us, and empower us in our obedience to His directions. When He said on the cross, "It is finished !!" He triumphantly declared that now the single means of salvation to be received by Him in both the OT and NT was Justly accomplished and manifest for all Eternity through His Eternal Attributes (Love, Truth, Holiness, and Wisdom), so that He could Justly give us faith (His indwelling), His means provided to save us by His grace (method).

They scorn these scriptures that say faith is given for God-good works, saying it is a works' salvation. Faith to them is just an idle mental notation or trust of a sinning continuing sinner, saved by what they falsely call, "grace alone," certainly apart from a terrible repulsive OT law and any obedience on their part, they say. That would not be grace, they say. How deceived these very blinded people are. It is high doctoral theological ignorance and blindness by the devil, who has never left the Tree of Knowledge, just as in Jesus day. These are the Catholics, Calvinists, and Dispensationalists today.

The Anabaptist's (re-baptizers), for want of a better term, from the time of Christ and through the Reformation, including the Pilgrims who came to this country in 1620 on the Mayflower, could never accept these false teachings of such "cheap grace" and "easy believe" started by Augustine (400 AD) with the Roman Catholic church, and later Luther, Calvin, and Dispensationalists. These Ana-baptists, were imprisoned, cruelly tortured, and killed (by an estimated 50-60 million) for centuries by the Roman Catholic church and also the Calvinists for centuries. It is estimated that they killed many more than all the Roman Emperors through the centuries. Fortunately, the USA was founded by the Pilgrims (1620) to escape the Catholic and Lutheran/Calvinist persecutions in England. When the Calvinists followed about 75 years later, their persecutions began again in New England.

The telling factor of all these false teachings is that they *effectually* exclude the indwelling Presence of our Lord in any of their Living. They say that their only guide must be the dead letter scriptures (just as the Pharisees of Jesus time) and their own flesh nature trusting or mental notations, believing. They give lip service to the Holy Spirit but that is all, in actual fact. "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away" (2 Tim 3:5).

To their damnation, the scriptures say the law that tells us what sin is (Rom 7:7), was ordained to Life (Rom 7:10), the law is Holy, and the **commandment** (of obedience) is Holy, and Just, and good (agathos) (Rom 7:12). But what the law could not do, through the weakness of our flesh natures, God died on the cross to fulfill the law through the Holy Spirit in us through faith, who can then walk obediently according to the Spirit (faith), Rom 8:1-6; 5:10.

The devil has blinded all of them to what true faith is, the indwelling mind of Christ in only those totally committed to His Lordship to do His works as He directs us. The devil's blinded people began **redefining what faith is** since the ascension of our Lord. **This is crucial to satan's success. After discovering his great error of putting Christ to death, He had to eliminate an understanding of faith (God's then obvious method of saving us) from men's understanding.**

**"But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
Which none of the princes (archons) of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.**

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Cor 2:7-10).

The great deception also is that true Christians, born-from-above are greatly intimidated by these blinded demon led people and teachers today, in the vast majority, who violently and demeaningly deny and condemn what they call "returning to OT law" and a "works salvation" or a "Lordship salvation." **They little understand that what demons cannot redefine they will forcibly deny.** And multitudes of perhaps true born-from-above, but young and unstable Christians, are greatly turned from the Truth toward eternal death by this demeaning and forcible rhetoric, particularly taught in Bible Schools and Seminaries. "Many are called [*kletos*, called inwardly (received in his heart), not an outward call as *kaleo*], but few are chosen [*eklektos*, the elect individuals seen in God's final judgment, "chosen" to be in Heaven] " (Matt 22:14)]]]

This great salvation, this restoration to righteousness with God on earth, is accomplished not by our works, lest any man should boast, but by the works of God Himself (Mind of Christ, faith) through our obedience of faith. This is the grace of God manifest. All, every aspect, is accomplished by God Himself through our obedience of faith (Rom 1:5 and 16:26), just as our Lord Himself gave us example. He taught, "I can of my own self do nothing...I seek not my own will...I speak not of myself, but **the Father that is dwelling in Me, He is doing the works**" (John 5:30, 14:10), and then died and rose from the grave to Justly enable Himself and the Father to work likewise in us. This is the great message of the Book of Romans concerning faith..

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto **all them that obey Him** " (Heb 5:8-9).

"I in them, and Thou in Me, that they may be made perfect in One; and that the world may know that Thou hast sent Me, and hast Loved them, as Thou hast loved Me" (John 17:23).

"Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works**, and by works was faith made perfect?" (James 2:22)

"To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of righteous men made perfect (Heb 12:23),

"Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?" (Gal 3:3)

Saved by grace through faith (*epi-dative*) in the way of "good" works (Eph 2:8-10), could not be more plainly stated, and, "it is a gift of God (Himself in us)". Every man shall be impartially judged according to his deeds. If any mans deeds shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved... as by fire, IF he has built upon this foundation of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 3:15, 11-12).

Remember, true grace of God, His reason (plan) for it all, is "*Christ in you, through your obedience, doing what you cannot do yourself*." Forget the silly clichés we are taught that mean little. **Grace is the method, Christ is the cause, faith is the means, God-good works are the result.** Praise His Holy Name.

But how many build upon the laid foundation, which is Christ

Jesus (1 Cor 3:10-15) as described above, plainly written to us in the Holy scriptures?? Not those of all the "grace" regardless groups, not of Calvinism, nor certainly not Dispensationalism to be sure!! Of course, this section of scripture in 1 Cor 3 is what Charles Stanley (totally deceived about anything regarding salvation) says is the most strong of all scriptures in teaching Unconditional Security of anyone who at one time had a mental notation only, and may have even forgotten about it.

In regard to 1 Cor 3:10-15, as in all scriptures in NT, there is no plural word for reward. Interesting. Also, the word work in verses 13, 14, and 15 is singular, not plural. And being a work, only built (epi-accusative) "with intent to" Him (in TR) this foundation, gold, silver, stones, precious wood, hay, stubble (1 Cor 3:12) will be judged as to whether he shall receive reward. 1 Cor 3:14, "but if any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved." (1 Cor 3:15).

"Knowing that of the Lord **ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.**

But he that doeth wrong shall receive for the wrong which he hath done: and there is no respect of persons" (Col 3:24-25).

It is the obedience to Holy Spirit of Christ (faith) in you, which is THE FOUNDATION, as to whether we are saved, born-again or not, and also, whether fallible motives, deceptions, and unwitting intentions of our obedience has occurred. "Christ in you, the hope (expectation) of Glory (Spiritual Perfection)" (Col 1:27). Also, like the thief on the cross, whose intention to Christ was accepted but had meager work. And what about someone who truly has been granted repentance and commitment to his Lord on his death-bed, without any work. Many who have been truly born-again but by deception of what faith is, may deceive and send many to hell by their false teachings. And then they may be born-again, but never deceived not defiled any, despite a faith work never being done. This scripture (1 Cor 3) speaks to God's judgment in all these many nuances of billions of cases.

These are the life long problems that we must grapple with daily. How many so-called Christian sincerely concern themselves with this, to know assurance of being born-again by the spirit of God, and knowing what faith is, the only acceptable means of work pleasing to their Creator God??

"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin" (Rom 14:23). Doesn't this scripture give anyone pause to consider?? What is faith?? It is absurdity to believe that it is any man's mental notation or trust. It is pure Pelagianism, that natural man's thinking, or himself, is acceptable to God.

Christ in (inside) you, "the" ONLY hope of Glory (Col 1:27). This is why Christ came to earth for the purpose of dying for us, to cleanse us, then indwell us, to make us acceptable for Heaven, by ONLY His indwelling Holiness and grace leading us, assuring, and teaching us through our REQUIRED OBEDIENCE, while on this earth. "He that is obeying not the Son shall not see Life, but the wrath of God is abiding on him" (John 3:36) The entire scriptures through Genesis and Revelation state that obedience is required, contrary to the false Godless and satanic Dispensational teachings today.

There are three problems we all have with regard to SALVATION and LIVING by faith. **First, DECEPTION of false doctrines**, by which we can think that our Eternity need only be based upon a natural man's one time mental notation that Christ, as only a Savior, died to forgive us of all sins, past, present, and future; that grace means we need have no intention of any moral change or behavior, or any God-directed behavior of any kind to merit heaven. This is what "grace" means, unmerited favor, they say. We may think that having these beliefs make us born-again, and that our assurance is only by remembering the written word promises. These are ALL desperately evil Dispensational beliefs of most popular preachers and teachers today. **Second, FAITH**, importantly, begs "How do we get faith from God and what is faith," by which any acceptable behavior upon the foundation of Christ Jesus can

ONLY be done. **Third, SIN**, even despite a possible initial birth-from-above, by our lack of attention to doctrines, which is sin itself (1 Tim 4:16), or our own false teachings to others or continuing in sinful living, which may cause our own damnation as well as others.

This scripture speaks of nothing in relation to rewards (plural, there is no plural for reward in all of NT) of works after in Heaven. It speaks of these two basic facts we all MUST have, to be His Sons, pleasing to Him. They are "obedience of faith."

It is these two words upon which Paul opens and closes his great epistle on faith.

"By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for **obedience to the faith** (obedience of faith, in the Greek) among all nations, for His name" (Rom 1:5).

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

Now to Him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began. But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience of faith**:

To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen." (Rom 16:24-27).

It becomes clear that the best possible way to know all people regardless of whoever or whatever they were or are, is by their deeds, their fruit, their Love of Truth above all else!! Are such deeds "God-good (*agathos*), God-serving" on the laid foundation of Christ as given in the scriptures, or are they evil (self-serving) deeds, based on self preferences and self imagined works, redefinitions, and denials.. And the mixtures of these two in ones own individual life is sobering. These two differences clearly separate one from the other, in the fire of judgment, to Heaven or hell. Despite all the millions of variations of people and differences, this clearly distinguishes them.

"Knowing that **of the Lord ye** shall receive **the reward (singular, no plural in scripture) of the inheritance**: (*gar*) **because** ye serve (*douleuo*, are being a slave) to the Lord Christ (dative).

But (*gar*, because) he that is doing wrong (91, doing hurt by wrong) shall receive that (91, hurt by wrong): and there is no respect of persons" (Col 3:24-25).

"And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and sinners appear" (1 Pet 4:18).

We are told the streets of the Heavenly city are clear as crystal, yet paved by gold. Interesting. This must mean we will be in hyperspace (more than four dimensions, possibly ten, quantum scientists now say) and we shall see all things as He sees them. Then we will know even as we are known. What a Glory (Spiritual Perfection) that will be.

Only through His Love,

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