

## WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO HAVE A GRACE ORIENTED CHURCH? Pt 7

\*The Characteristics of a Grace Oriented Church should strive to include:

1. The fact that grace should be **taught** & **preached** from the pulpit on a **consistent** basis.
2. The fact that the saints are encouraged to **grow in grace** & in the **knowledge of Jesus Christ**.
3. The fact that we should not only preach grace for salvation, but it should be the primary **motive** for **godly Christian living** to occur.
4. The fact that people are accepted just as they are, but as **grace is taught**, it motivates us to walk with others **graciously** as well.
5. The fact that grace teaching is designed to get people to avoid the unbiblical extremes of **license** & **legalism** in their thinking and doing.
6. The fact that the use of ones \_\_\_\_\_ should be balanced by \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 4:8

**Principle to learn:** In areas of personal liberty, God's grace motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ through the believer teaches us to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of our liberty for the sake of \_\_\_\_\_.

a. This began at \_\_\_\_\_, by God demonstrating His \_\_\_\_\_.

b. God's love is then to be \_\_\_\_\_ in us toward \_\_\_\_\_.

c. So how is the use of one's liberty balanced by love?

1) Well, graced has \_\_\_\_\_ us (given us \_\_\_\_\_) to love and serve God in life

Romans 12:1-2

• If God's will is perfect (and it is), we need to \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ ourselves to God's \_\_\_\_\_ to do it.

• Now let's apply this to our principle tonight

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2) Serving God in love means we are to serve \_\_\_\_\_ in love also!

Galatians 5:13-14

Romans 14:1-15:3

1 Cor 8:1; 10:23-33