

Armed For War – Lesson 5

Comfort is the curse of a compromised gospel, because true change only comes through confrontation.

Hebrews 5

12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Maturity is skill with the Word of God to the point that their *natural senses* can discern good from evil.

It is easier to avoid something that you don't like! Allowing the Spirit of God to transform our nature into a state of preferring what He prefers.

A drug addict or alcoholic who has their *nature* transformed is no longer an addict. They are not tempted because they no longer like what they used to like. When you hate what God hates, you are no longer tempted by it.

Hebrews 6

1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,

2 Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

The Six Foundational Doctrines of Christ:

- 1. Repentance from Dead Works**
- 2. Faith Toward God**
- 3. Doctrine of Baptisms**
- 4. Laying on of Hands**
- 5. Resurrection of the Dead**
- 6. Eternal Judgment**

2 Peter 1

2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

Peace = eirene (i-ray-nay): one, peace, quietness, rest, to set at one again, i.e. to be at one with God

Grace = charise (khar-ece): acceptable, benefit, favor, gift, joy, liberality, pleasure

Don't confuse mercy with grace! When many are asked to define grace, they actually define mercy. Forgiveness of sins is mercy. The power to overcome sins is grace. In order to obtain mercy, we must understand grace.

Grace is the undeserved favor of God that gives us access to the power of God for everything we need for life and godliness.

It is unmerited favor that we don't deserve or earn. It is NOT a lack of accountability.

2 Peter 1

3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

Favor gives us access to power so that we can get what we need in order to live righteously.

How do we obtain GRACE?

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Through the knowledge of God! (see Matt. 11:29). We grow in Grace through the knowledge of God's Word. As in Hebrew 5, we become skilled in the Word, which gives us knowledge, that leads to Grace, which provides access to the power to get what we need for righteousness.

Hosea 4

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Lack of knowledge destroys! No knowledge means no Grace, favor or power to meet your needs for righteousness.

The devil wants to keep you spiritually ignorant!

Without the revelatory knowledge of God, we are powerless!

Matthew 16

13 When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?

14 And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

15 He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am?

16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.

17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Once the revealed knowledge was present, the Power and authority followed. The church was founded upon this principle.

Ephesians 1

16 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, in order to *understand* Hope, inheritance and power. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God!

Knowledge gives Grace and Favor.

Grace gives Access to Power.

Power supplies Godliness and Victory.