Only Grace and Grace Only

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I. Preach sin / Then Jesus—This is God's way to proclaim His Savior & our salvation

Isa 40:6 The voice said, Cry. And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness thereof *is* as the flower of the field:

Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people *is* grass.

Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

Isa 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!

A. The universal and continual problem of sin

Rom 3:9 What then? are we better *than they?* No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin;

Rom 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Rom 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Rom 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Jas 2:10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one *point*, he is guilty of all.

- 1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- Isa 64:6 ...we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags...
- Rom 3:19 ...what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
- Psa 130:3 If thou, LORD, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?
- Joh 5:40 And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life.
- 1Co 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them...*
- Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him...
- Joh 8:43 Why do ye not understand my speech? *even* because ye cannot hear my word.
- Joh 12:39 Therefore they could not believe...

B. God's plan of eternal salvation

- 2Ti 1:8 ...the gospel according to the power of God;
- 2Ti 1:9 Who hath saved us, and called *us* with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,
- Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- Joh 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:
- Joh 10:28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.
- Joh 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

II. The accomplishments of Jesus on the cross

1) At God's appointed time—Jesus came into the world as a man to save His people

Mat 1:21 ...thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

2) Jesus took God's wrath against sin in the place of each one He died for Isa 53:8 ...for the transgression of my people was he stricken.

3) Jesus redeemed each one He died for—(He paid the ransom to deliver the captive)

Heb 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*.

4) Jesus removed the sins from and cleansed each one He died for

Rev 1:5 ... Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

5) God made each one Jesus died for to have the same righteousness that Jesus has

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

6) Jesus made each one He died for to be perfect for all of eternity

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

7) There is remission/forgiveness (removal of consequences) for all Jesus died for

Mat 26:28 ...blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins

Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins...

8) God has made each one Jesus died for to be accepted—In and through Jesus

Eph 1:6 ...he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

9) God has reconciled each one Jesus died for to Himself—By and through Jesus

2Co 5:18 ...God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ...

10) Being reconciled—You shall be saved

Rom 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved...

11) God justified each and everyone that Jesus died for

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ...

12) Being justified—You shall be saved

Rom 5:9 ...being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved...

13) God is satisfied with the finished work of Jesus

Isa 53:11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.

III. The wonder of grace

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Rom 5:20 ...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

Rom 5:21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.

IV. The true gospel saves you: From fears—To freedom—To comfort

Heb 2:15 ...deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage

Joh 8:32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Isa 40:2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned...

V. Paul understood the certainty of salvation by grace—And rested in the assurance

- Rom 8:1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...
- Rom 8:30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- Rom 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.
- Rom 8:34 Who *is* he that condemneth? *It is* Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen...
- Rom 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- Rom 8:39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

VI. Paul had a burden for those who still thought they had to get themselves to heaven

- Rom 9:1 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Ghost,
- Rom 9:2 That I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart.
- Rom 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- Rom 10:1 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.
- Rom 10:2 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge.
- Rom 10:3 For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.
- Rom 10:4 For Christ *is* the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

VII. Paul preached nothing but grace & grace plus nothing—Only grace & grace only

A. Paul preached only grace (nothing but grace)

Gal 1:6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

- Gal 1:7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
- Gal 1:8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.
- Gal 1:9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.
- 2Co 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.
- 2Co 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or *if* ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him*.

B. Paul preached grace only (grace plus nothing)

- Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.
- Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
- Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)