

John # 70

“A Chip Off The Old Block”

John 5:16-23

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Capacity to love Him depends upon the amount of biblical truth we have in our soul.

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In eternity past, Jesus Christ had the same essence as the Father and the Holy Spirit and in time, He still had

the same functions of deity but He also became true humanity; therefore, He is unique. *John 14:9b “Anyone who has seen Me has seen the Father.”*

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A perfect plan from a perfect Father glorifies a perfect Son and His plan is for all creatures to recognize the celebrity status of His Son, first by the Gospel leading them to salvation and then by reaching

spiritual maturity in this life followed by rewards in eternity.

Grace is the infinite, eternal, sovereign choice of God to express His unlimited love.

Grace can only receive victory and glory in human worthlessness, helplessness and hopelessness!

Grace is not withheld because of human sin or failure because grace provided the answer to human sin at the cross and grace provides the answer to human failure in the experiential plan of God created just for us.

However, our ability to understand and appreciate grace is under constant attack from our own sin nature within through mental attitude sins and also from without from the satanic strategy of religion.

Grace is God's policy for Christian living and giving because God provides our material resources, so our living and giving are to reflect His plan of grace.

Grace is seen in the life of the believer by God making a saved person to be exactly like or conformed to His Son; so in positional sanctification, we are in union with Christ, in experiential sanctification, we are to abide with Christ and in ultimate sanctification, we are promoted to Heaven to be physically with Christ!

God's grace is sufficient for us to endure all suffering, 2nd Corinthians 12:7-10.

Grace is God *doing it* and man saying: "Thank You so much for doing for me what I could never have done for myself" and religion is man *doing it* and waiting for God to say: "Thank you so much for doing for yourself what I apparently couldn't have done for you."

Religion resents God's free expression of grace because grace is threatening to religion's self-centered ego.

If the Lord Jesus Christ stops working, the earth disintegrates and ceases to exist! Colossians 1:17 "He (Jesus Christ) is before all things and in Him all things hold together."

The irony is that the religious crowd is actually criticizing the Lord Jesus Christ for keeping them alive and they don't even know it!

The Lord Jesus Christ kept right on working because of grace; in other words, Who and what He is and not who and what the Pharisees were!

God does not bless on the basis of your character or mine, He blesses on the basis of His character.

The Jewish leaders had already killed the Lord Jesus Christ in their minds; it was now just a matter of how, where and when to physically accomplish it.

When someone has mental attitude sins, he always tries to hurt the object of his mental attitude sins.

We cannot build our happiness on someone else's unhappiness.

We can't build our happiness on pleasant environment, a moment of time, of excitement, of power, of success or a moment of any other stimulation.

The truth is that if we're not happy right now in the circumstances we find ourselves in, we wouldn't be happy if the entire world was handed to us on a platter.

The world says: If you're healthy, you're happy

but the Bible says: If you're happy, you're healthy!

And the only happiness worth having is the lasting happiness that only God offers; because if it can be taken away, it cannot make us truly happy.