

“Grace and peace to you”

Philippians 1:1-2

Colossians 1:9-11

No one understands leadership until they have been oriented to and been under authority.

No one can properly function in a position of leadership and strive to be nice.

It's better to have truth before compassion.

My job is to see that you get biblical truth here so that you can make informed decisions from a position of strength out there.

The pastor must delegate qualified administration, because only then can everyone be treated fairly

and church business be done in an orderly manner.

Not only is Jesus Christ the Cornerstone, but also the Head of the Church.

It's a sad reality that we have a world with no real hope that anything would significantly change.

Only Christians can know true and lasting joy.

Grace as the source of our true happiness is acquired through daily learning and applying God's Word.

Salvation does not imply instant or automatic happiness.

This is the maximum for the Christian life on earth, but there's something beyond this happiness in eternity called “exceeding or great joy” in *Jude 24*.

Those with inner happiness possess the capacity for relationship with God and capacity for life itself.

Humility is

authority-orientation to

Jesus Christ which leads to thinking of the needs of others as more important than one's own needs.

It is life-changing to begin to stop and think of all that God has done for us.

We were saved by grace alone, through faith alone in Christ alone and we live by grace which is a gift of God that we didn't earn or deserve and we can't do anything to sustain it.

And so, when we follow

Jesus Christ, we lose our life and find our real life in

His life!

God gave you every opportunity for success and it's arrogant to neglect

His provision or to substitute yours.

Under grace, God does the work and man is only the beneficiary and under greater-grace promotion,

God does the pursuing and man does the benefiting.

No one can truly and rightly give apart from freedom and God gives out of total freedom because of the cross; because of propitiation.

Grace is all that God can do for man from salvation through eternity; accomplished totally apart from man's merit, ability, talent, or planning.

Religion is the worst philosophical enemy of man.

In grace, God provided everything for Adam's body, soul and spirit.

When we're born again we don't have instant capacity to appreciate God as Adam and Eve did.

Knowledge is good, but in a relationship with God, knowledge of good and evil is not necessary.

In life, people are impressed by what we do, but God is impressed by what we do not do!

The principle of wearing a seatbelt is sensible, but the principle of forcing you to do against your will is evil.

Before the Fall, the test was to reject Satan's plan to remain positive toward God and after the Fall, to become positive toward God, one must accept His plan.

Grace is the genius of God, His Word is the manifestation of His genius and spiritual maturity is the glorification of His genius.