

Romans # 149

**“Humility Receives Discipline Well”**

*Romans 11:1-2*

*Humility is a system of thinking and a way of life.*

No matter how intense the suffering, we'll never lose our salvation because once we believe in Jesus Christ, there's nothing we can do to cancel what God accomplished for us in justification.

On the cross, Jesus Christ was judged for all our sins, including those related to evil and we cannot change the work of God, no matter how terribly we suffer under divine discipline.

**Every generation must stand or fall on the basis of its own invisible heroes according to the grace plan of God.**

Every member of the royal family of God in time has a choice in his relationship to God for either divine blessing in grace or divine discipline in grace and attitude toward biblical truth determines which way we go.

*For the rebellious believer, after a lifetime of misery, pain and unhappiness from divine discipline, God places on him, a mantle of maximum discipline; the sin unto death.*

But for the greater-grace believer, it's dying grace because he has the best in life and then in dying, he has that which is better, resulting in surpassing grace in eternity or better than the best.

Not only does the greater-grace believer, like Moses or Paul, have blessings in dying but they leave behind great blessings from God to all who are intimately associated with them in life.

**Under grace, God supplies a series of blessings for man totally apart from man's merit, ability, thinking or planning.**

Under grace, God gives and man receives; God does all the work and all the providing; while man does all the receiving and all the benefiting.

*Under grace, everything depends on the essence or character of God, so grace depends on who and what God is; it's what God can do for man and still be consistent with His own integrity.*

The test-tree of the knowledge of good and evil is forbidden because good and evil result in spiritual death.

Evil is the thinking policy of Satan and good (human good) is the application of that policy to experience.

**Humility is freedom from pride or arrogance and it cannot and does not exist in the cosmic system; it's the first thing to go when we get out of the experiential plan of God.**

The primary cause for rejecting the plan of God is mental attitude sins.

*As a result, arrogance opts for human coping skills over God's problem-solving devices under the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and momentum from processed biblical truth.*

Humility is the virtue of freedom from arrogance; humiliation is reducing one's view of self to a lower status in one's own eyes or in the eyes of others.

Since the Bible is the mind of Christ, submission to the authority of our Lord is our only hope for consistent post-salvation rehabilitation.

**Humility is a system of understanding and applying biblical truth, resulting in the believer living in the directive will of God rather than the permissive will of God.**

All who are successful in life and in God's plan have the ability to concentrate.

*Jesus Christ's mental attitude in His humanity with His tremendous humility gave Him capacity for life,*

*love and happiness and gave Him the most fantastic problem-solving ability ever!*

**Humility is making the right decisions from a position of strength and it's also, the recognition of failure in the Christian life with a willingness to recover from it.**

**Because humility makes an issue out of biblical truth and not self, it doesn't get caught up in the functions of subjective self-righteous arrogance.**