

THIS GRACE BIBLE CHURCHES

Identity and House to House Assembly

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Our identity

This Grace Bible Churches, the Circle of the Elders (the Order, the Praeceptorium), and Church in Thy House are not a denomination, are not part of a denomination, are not a religion, and are not part of Christianity. They are not Jewish and are not Catholic. They are not corruptors of the Word of God.

Our assembly and practice

We are not part of the "corporate" American Christian Church setup. We have no religious buildings, statues, baptistries, altars, or pastors, and none of the trappings of the religion known as Christianity.

Saved believers gathering house to house

This Grace Bible Churches consists of true saved believers who rightly divide the word of truth and meet house to house. Church in Thy House is the mode by which This Grace Bible Churches gathers together. The Gospel of Christ that saves today is found in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 KJB. Our standard for rightly dividing the word of truth is 2 Timothy 2:15 KJB.

King James Bible only

We use only King James Bibles: the 1769 edition of the 1611, Pure Cambridge Text. The King James Bible is our final written authority. We do not change, supposedly correct, or corrupt the Word of God.

The Order and the Bishop title

The Circle of the Elders, the Order, and the Praeceptorium name the same internal teaching and oversight body within This Grace Bible Churches. Praeceptorius is the Bishop title within that body. Bishop Wesley Ray is the original and sole Praeceptorius; admission to the Circle does not confer that title. Within This Grace Bible Churches, Bishop Wesley Ray is known as the Founding Bishop.

Document terminology

This statement supplies the identity, assembly practice, Bible standard, and title definitions for the accompanying documents. In earlier text, a collective reference to "Praeceptorius" means the Praeceptorium; a personal reference to Bishop Wesley Ray as Praeceptorius retains its personal meaning. These definitions do not create an additional ordained office or confer the founder's exclusive title upon another person. Governing amendments remain subject to the adoption procedures of each instrument.



Circle of the Elders

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How to Be Saved by Grace Through Faith

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OFFICIAL SALVATION OUTLINE

HOW TO BE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

A Pauline Gospel Outline from Romans through Philemon

Bible Authority: King James Bible (KJB) only

Study Boundary: Romans through Philemon only. This outline presents salvation for the present Dispensation of the Grace of God from Paul's epistles, without importing a salvation formula from another portion of Scripture.

Central truth: A sinner is justified freely by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work - His death for our sins, burial, and resurrection - apart from works.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:"
Ephesians 2:8 KJB

"Not of works, lest any man should boast."
Ephesians 2:9 KJB

SIMPLY BELIEVE THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Romans 1:16 • 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 • Ephesians 2:8-9

I. RECOGNIZE THE UNIVERSAL PROBLEM OF SIN

Salvation begins with understanding man's condition before God. Scripture does not divide humanity into people who need salvation and people who do not. All have sinned.

"As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:"
Romans 3:10 KJB

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"
Romans 3:23 KJB

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"
Romans 5:12 KJB

No person can establish his own righteousness before God. Our need is not merely improvement, religion, or reform. We need God's righteousness and God's salvation.

II. UNDERSTAND THE WAGES OF SIN

Sin has a consequence. The sinner cannot solve the problem by accumulating good works, religious acts, or personal merit.

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

The verse contrasts wages with a gift. Death is earned by sin; eternal life is God's gift through Jesus Christ our Lord.

III. GOD COMMENDED HIS LOVE TOWARD SINNERS

God did not wait for sinners to make themselves worthy. Christ died for us while we were sinners.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."
Romans 5:8 KJB

"Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."
Romans 5:9 KJB

The basis of justification is not our goodness. The saving work is Christ's, and His blood is sufficient.

IV. KNOW THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

Paul plainly declares the gospel he preached and by which believers are saved.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."
Romans 1:16 KJB

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... By which also ye are saved..."
1 Corinthians 15:1-2 KJB

"For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day

according to the scriptures:"
1 Corinthians 15:3-4 KJB

The Gospel of Christ centers upon what Christ accomplished: He died for our sins, He was buried, and He rose again. Salvation rests upon His finished work, not ours.

V. BELIEVE ON JESUS CHRIST - FAITH, NOT WORKS

Justification is received by faith. Paul repeatedly excludes works as the basis of justification.

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:"
Romans 3:24 KJB

"Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law."
Romans 3:28 KJB

"But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness."
Romans 4:5 KJB

"Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ..."
Galatians 2:16 KJB

Saving faith does not offer God religious works as payment. It rests in Jesus Christ and what He has done for the sinner.

VI. SALVATION IS BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH

Grace means that salvation is God's gift, not a reward earned by human performance.

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us..."
Titus 3:5 KJB

"Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace..."
2 Timothy 1:9 KJB

Nothing can be added to grace as though Christ's work were insufficient. Salvation is not Christ plus our works; it is received by faith in Christ.

VII. THE BELIEVER RECEIVES GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

The sinner's own righteousness cannot justify him. In Christ, God provides the righteousness needed.

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested... Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe..."
Romans 3:21-22 KJB

"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."
2 Corinthians 5:21 KJB

“And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ...”

Philippians 3:9 KJB

The believer stands before God in Christ, not in a righteousness produced by his own law-keeping.

VIII. THE MOMENT A PERSON BELIEVES, GOD SAVES AND SEALS

Salvation is not a probationary status that the believer must preserve by personal works. In Christ, the believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit.

“In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,”

Ephesians 1:13 KJB

“And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Ephesians 4:30 KJB

“And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:”

Colossians 2:10 KJB

The saved person is complete in Christ. Good works belong in the believer's walk after salvation; they are not the cause or price of salvation.

IX. GOOD WORKS FOLLOW SALVATION - THEY DO NOT PRODUCE IT

Grace does not teach believers to live carelessly. Paul teaches a godly walk, but he places good works in their proper order: salvation first, then service.

“For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

Ephesians 2:10 KJB

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly...”

Titus 2:11-12 KJB

We do not work to become saved. Having been saved by grace, believers are instructed to walk in good works and sound doctrine.

X. A SIMPLE PAULINE SALVATION SUMMARY

According to Romans through Philemon, the issue can be stated plainly:

You are a sinner. The wages of sin is death. Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again. God justifies the ungodly freely by His grace. Stop trusting your works, religion, ceremonies, or personal righteousness to save you. Believe the Gospel of Christ - trust Jesus Christ and His finished work alone - and receive God's gift of eternal life.

XI. WHAT IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE JUSTIFIED

Because justification is by grace through faith without works, no human work can be made a condition for earning or completing salvation.

“Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth...”

Romans 4:4-5 KJB

“For by grace are ye saved through faith... Not of works...”

Ephesians 2:8-9 KJB

“And you, being dead in your sins... hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;”

Colossians 2:13 KJB

Therefore, This Grace Bible Churches does not present water baptism, church membership, law-keeping, religious ceremonies, giving, reforming one's life, or any other work as a requirement for justification. The sinner is saved by grace through faith in Christ.

XII. THE ASSURANCE OF THE SAVED BELIEVER

The believer's confidence rests in God's promise and Christ's completed work.

“Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:”

Romans 5:1 KJB

“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus...”

Romans 8:1 KJB

“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life... 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.”

Romans 8:38-39 KJB

Our assurance is not that we have performed perfectly. Our assurance is that God has justified us in Christ and that nothing can separate the believer from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FINAL APPEAL

Do not trust yourself to save yourself. Do not trust religious works to finish what Christ has already accomplished. Believe the Gospel of Christ. Trust that Jesus Christ died for your sins, was buried, and rose again. Rest in God's grace and the sufficiency of Christ.

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