

GRADUATING WITH GRACE

THE IMPORTANCE OF GRACE TO YOU

“But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.”

~ Galatians 3:25

1. Graduating Law School

- a. Springtime has graduations. Let's talk about your greater graduation.
- b. By the law is the knowledge of sin – Rom 3:20
- c. The law was intended to bring us to Christ by grace through faith – Gal 3:24-25
- d. If you have learned the lesson of the law you have graduated unto grace.
- e. We live in the time of graduation, but the church is being held back – 1 Tim 1:7
- f. Your diploma is the cross of Christ, your ordination papers: Eph 2:10, 2 Cor 5:17-18

2. Starting with Grace

- a. Graduation is called commencement which is a beginning. Life will be different.
- b. You may have learned about grace, but it does not mean you know it all.
- c. The law told you what to do – the grace life does not – 2 Tim 3:16-17, Eph 2:10
- d. The law promised treats and punishments – the grace life doesn't – Eph 1:3
- e. The law says pass the test and be rewarded – the grace life doesn't – Gal 6:12
- f. Without a tutors you must teach yourself – w/o governors you must submit yourself
- g. School is over. You've had your time under tutors, now you join the ranks.
- h. We need your singlemindedness, zeal, independence, time, opportunity, and knowledge

3. Your Advantage

- a. Your advantage is not in credentials, starting cash, networking, trust funds...etc.
- b. You have something few people possess if you know the Bible rightly divided
- c. Wisdom comes from: other people, life experience, the Bible rightly divided.
- d. You have truth about reality, discernment of spiritual things, God's wisdom - 1 Co 1:25
- e. Your advantage is in salvation (1 Cor 1:18), God's grace (Titus 2:11), Christ (Col 2:3)
- f. You already know the choice you should make before the time comes – 2 Tim 3:15
- g. You won't join Bible studies you should lead them

4. Beware

- a. Know what you give up by climbing the ladder, and traveling the "road not taken"
- b. Compete with yourself not others: the winner is between truth/error, flesh/spirit
- c. Make God (and yourself) you only judge be God – 1 Cor 2:15, 4:3-4
- d. Identify yourself with Christ and his calling – not by your job – Eph 4:1
- e. People are more important than possessions/positions – Titus 3:14, 1 Thess 2:19-20
- f. Measure success by the spiritual and eternal not the temporal – 2 Cor 4:17-18
- g. Take heed to thyself, save yourself the trouble – 1 Tim 4:12-16
- h. Don't put your ministry off, start now, don't wait – Rom 1:15-16, 1 Cor 4:1-2
- i. You will be finding your place, don't settle for anything less than what God gave you
- j. The greatest gift you have upon graduation is God's grace. Don't waste it (2 Cor 6:1)