

# THE DISCIPLINES OF GRACE: AN INTRODUCTION

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The heartbeat of any pastor:

## 1. (Re) Starting well!

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What does it take to start well?

### A. Clear understanding of & response to the gospel

**John 3:16** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

**John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

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**Ephesians 1:7** In whom **we have** redemption **through** his blood, **the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;

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

**Acts 16:29** Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, **Acts 16:30** And brought them out, and said, **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?** **Acts 16:31** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; **Romans 3:24** **Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

**Romans 10:1** Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. **Romans 10:2** For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, **but not according to knowledge.** **Romans 10:3** **For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.** **Romans 10:4** For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

### B. God-centered assurance

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**John 10:28** And I **give** unto them eternal life; and they shall **never** perish, **neither** shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

**John 10:29** My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and **no man** is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

**Romans 8:35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? **Romans 8:36** As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

**Romans 8:37** Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **Romans 8:38** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, **Romans 8:39** 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.

**Philippians 1:6** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

**2 Timothy 1:12** For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

### **C. A full understanding of salvation (of what it means to be saved)**

**John 10:27** My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

**Ephesians 2:8** For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that **not of yourselves** (οὐκ ἐξ ἑμῶν): it is the gift of God: **Ephesians 2:9** **Not of works** (οὐκ ἐξ ἔργων), lest any man should boast. **Ephesians 2:10** **For** we are his workmanship (ποίημα), created in Christ Jesus **unto good works** (ἔργοις ἀγαθοῖς), which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

**John 14:15** If ye love me, **keep** my commandments.

**Ephesians 4:1** I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye **walk** worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,

**Ephesians 4:17** This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk** not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, **Ephesians 5:2** And **walk** in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. **Ephesians 5:8** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: **walk** as children of light: **Ephesians 5:15** See then that ye **walk** circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

**I get the gospel – an evangelical experience!**

**I have assurance from & in God alone!**

**I know the Christian life involves:**

- Following Christ!
- Obeying Christ!
- Walking with Christ!
- Working from Christ and salvation

**Philippians 2:12** Wherefore, my beloved, **as** ye have always obeyed, **not** as in my presence only, **but** now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.** **Philippians 2:13** **For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.**

## **2. Running well!**

**What's: some what's to do!**

- In the book
- On your knees
- With the body
- For the world/others

**Who's: some who's to avoid**

**Galatians 1:7** Which is not another; **but** there be **some** that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

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**Galatians 5:7** Ye did run well; **who** did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? **Galatians 5:8** This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you.

**Galatians 5:10** I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: **but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be.**

**Galatians 5:12** I would **they** were even cut off which trouble you.

**“You will be the same 5 years from today except for the books you read and the people you meet.”**

**“You are now or soon will be what your friends are.”**

**Proverbs 13:20** He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: But a companion of fools shall be destroyed.

## **3. Ending well!**

**2 Peter 1:10** Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: **2 Peter 1:11** For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.