

Grace & Truth Inside Out
The Sovereignty of God, Part 3: The Gospel
Various Passages

[Recap Parts 1&2; Preview Upcoming sermons & 8/9 Q&A; Read Romans 5:1-5]

I. Hope Needed

- Favored
- Chosen
- Connected
- Accepted
- Released
- Approved
- Rescued
- Fresh Start
- At Peace
- Secure

II. Hope Realized

- Jesus Christ - John 1:14,17; 14:6
- Pluralism; Tolerance/Intolerance (D.A. Carson, The Intolerance of Tolerance, Jonathan Dotson, The Unbelievable Gospel)
 - Old/Classic - Other opinions have a right to exist (“...people of different religions should mix together without slights and condescension.”)
 - New - All opinions are equally valid or true
 - Results in contradiction (Grant others dignity to believe what they want/Force others to believe what we believe to be true)
- Circles back around to Jesus’ claim; Contrast to other world religions/direction/levels/stages

III. Hope Applied

- Favored - Grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- Chosen - Election (Ephesians 1:3-6)
- Connected - Union with Christ (Galatians 2:20)
- Accepted - Justification (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Released - Atonement (1 Peter 3:18)
- Approved - Adoption (Galatians 4:4-7)
- Rescued - Redemption (Ephesians 1:7-8a)
- Fresh Start - Regeneration (2 Corinthians 5:17)
- At Peace - Reconciliation (Romans 5:10-11)
- Secure - Eternal Security (1 Peter 1:3-5)

- Recap and Connect Parts 1-3
- GMD²
- Conclusion/Prayer - Ephesians 1

GMD²

Tell Yourself. (2 Corinthians 5:14-16, 20-21; Philippians 1:27-2:2)

Tell Others. (Message of Hope, Delivered in the key of Grace & Truth, Played out through intentional relationships)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us. (Romans 5:1-5)

And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth....For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ. (John 1:14,17)

...“I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” (John 14:6)

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. (Ephesians 1:3-6)

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit.... (1 Peter 3:18)

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4-7)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. (Ephesians 1:7-8a)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:10-11)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1:3-5)

For the love of Christ controls us, having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf. Therefore from now on we recognize no one according to the flesh; even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him in this way no longer. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (2 Corinthians 5:14-16, 20-21)

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I will hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; in no way alarmed by your opponents—which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God. For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake, experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear to be in me. Therefore if there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. (Philippians 1:27-2:2)