

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 7)

The Application: Conquering Grace

How does a person come to believe the good news of Jesus?

Sermon Questions

1. What was the hymn quoted at the beginning of the sermon?
 - a. Amazing Grace
 - b. I Know Whom I Have Believed
 - c. Victory in Jesus

2. Most Christians will...
 - a. Take credit for their own salvation
 - b. Say they cooperated with God
 - c. Give God all credit for their salvation

3. Match the following verses the speak to the necessity of God's conquering grace:

Romans 8:7-8	"For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God."
1 Corinthians 2:14	"We all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind."
Ephesians 2:3	"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God."
Romans 3:10-11	"The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned."

4. The act of God to conquer and change a sinners heart is commonly called in Scripture the new birth, or being born again . (Yes/No)
5. Even though a person is enslaved to sin, they still have the ability to make the first move toward God so that he would respond with grace and the new birth. (Yes/No)
6. From 1 John, what are the three fruits of being born of God:
 - a. Good _____. (1 John 2:29; 3:9)
 - b. _____. (1 John 4:7)
 - c. _____. (1 John 5:1)
7. Rescue from sin is a gift from God and so is the means to receive that gift—faith and repentance. (Yes/No)
8. The goal of God's conquering grace is to the praise of his glorious grace. (Yes/No)

A man is not saved against his will, but he is made willing by the operation of the Holy Ghost. A mighty grace which he does not wish to resist enters into the man, disarms him, makes a new creature of him, and he is saved.

—Charles Spurgeon, Sermons, Vol. 10, p.309

Lunch Conversation Starters

1. What were the points in today's sermon that challenged you?
2. What were the points in today's sermon that encouraged you?
3. What questions or concerns do you have from today's teaching?

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** There is no more profound and significant response to the truth of God than to worship and glorify him. When we glory in God we forget ourselves in light of his greatness. Holiness becomes attractive, sinfulness becomes disgusting, pride becomes an enemy. There is nothing more satisfying or practical than pursuing a knowledge of our glorious God!
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Read Acts 10 together. What jumps out in these verses? When was Cornelius born again? Can someone be born again apart from the word? Why? End by asking them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.