

Let Grace Abound, Part 2
A Biblical Studies Class

Grace and Circumcision

Gen 17:9-14	This is my covenant...every man child shall be circumcised (vs. 10)
Lev 12:1-4	And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised
Joshua 5:1-9	Circumcising those born in the wilderness
Luke 2:21	Jesus Christ's Circumcision
Acts 10:44-46	They of the circumcision which believed were astonished (vs. 45)
Acts 15:1-2	Except ye be circumcised...ye cannot be saved
Acts 15:24	No such commandment
Rom 2:28-29	Circumcision is of the heart
I Cor 7:18-19	Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing
Gal 2:3	Yet not even Titus, who was with me, was compelled to be circumcised, even though he was a Greek.
Gal 5:6	For in Jesus Christ neither circumcision nor uncircumcision availeth anything
Gal 6:15	For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth (means) anything nor uncircumcision, but a new creation
Eph 2:11	Circumcision/uncircumcision
Phil. 3:1-9	We are the circumcision, which have no confidence in the flesh (vss 3-4) [dogs: backbiters; concision: those that mutilate the flesh]
Col 2:10-17	Circumcision made without hands
Col 3:10-11	Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision – Christ is all and in all

Grace and Baptism

Two churches, two administrations:
John 3:29; 14:1-4 - bride; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Col. 1:18 – body

Gal. 2:11-3:14, Romans 10:4 - Christ is the end of the law.

This never quite sunk in to the first century church. As in the days of Jesus Christ, there were always those who wanted to promote legalism at the expense of the truth of God's Word. Mat. 15:1-9.

Baptism: ceremonial washing.

Mark 7:3, 4 - vs. 4: wash, washing - baptize; Luke 11:38 - wash - baptize

Church of the bride: water

Mat. 3:5, 6 - in Jordan

Something greater soon to come:

Mat. 3:11 - but in contrast, baptism of holy spirit is to come later.

Mat. 28:19 - baptize in my name (earliest quotations of this verse): no water is mentioned. Water has been read in by those who want to promote legalistic practices, just as others wanted to promote circumcision in the early church. This phrase used throughout Acts

The coming of Pentecost:

Acts 1:4-8 - talking about the gift of holy spirit (no water!) They already had water from the time of John -- something greater was about to come.

Acts 2:1-4 - Pentecost: no water.

So where do people get water in Acts?

Acts 10:47; 11:16 - Peter was about to follow his legalistic habits, until he remembered the Word of the Lord

Acts 19:2, 3 - Two baptisms: they had only heard of John's (water)

Acts 8:38 - Philip: early in Acts, grace not fully revealed.

Acts 21:20 - Zealous for the law: still true today.

Strictly speaking, baptism in holy spirit refers to the day of Pentecost. Since then, the gift of holy spirit has been available for anyone to receive by getting born again -- being baptized in the name of the Lord, cleansed in everything that name represents. Gal. 3:27, 28; I John 1:7.

NOTE: No mention of baptism just prior to death to ensure forgiveness of sins and salvation!

Grace and The Lord's Supper

Exod. 12:1-11	The Lord's Passover
Mat. 8:16-17	Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses
Mat. 26:26-28	The cup and the bread
John 1:29	Behold the lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world
I Cor. 5:7	Christ our passover is sacrificed for us
I Cor. 10:16	The cup and the bread
I Cor. 11:23-26	This do in remembrance of me
I Peter 2:24	By whose stripes ye were healed

What is NOT mentioned in the scriptures:

- The term Holy Communion
- Sacrament (Mystery)
- If you are excommunicated, you cannot receive the sacrament
- You need the sacrament for forgiveness of sins
- Only those baptized and confirmed in my church can receive the sacrament

Grace and James

Eph 2:4-10	Saved by grace – a gift from God
I John 3:22-23	This is the commandment: believe on Jesus Christ and love one another
Acts 15:1-29	First Jerusalem Council
Acts 21:15-26	Second Jerusalem Council
James 1	Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only (vs. 22)
James 2	A man is justified by works, and not by faith only (vs. 24)
James 3	The tongue is an unruly evil (vs. 8)
James 4	Humble yourselves in the sight of God (vs. 10)
James 5	Confess your faults (vs. 16)

Grace and Inheritance

I Cor 6:9-11	The unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God – such were some of you
Gal 5:16-25	They that do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God (vs. 21)
Eph 1:9-23	We have obtained an inheritance (vs. 11) The earnest [pledge, guarantee, deposit] (vs. 14) The riches of the glory of his inheritance (vs. 18)
Eph 5:1-5	No one who is an idolater hath any inheritance in the kingdom of God (vs. 5)
Col 1:12	The father hath made us meet [qualified us] to be partakers of the inheritance
Col 3:23-24	Of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance
I Pet 1:3-4	An inheritance that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you
Rev 21:7-8	He that overcometh shall inherit all things – we already are God’s sons! (vs. 7)

Grace and Hell Fire

John 3:16	Should not perish (be totally obliterated)
Eph 2	By grace are ye saved – the gift of God (vs. 8)
I Thes 4:13-18	We will meet the Lord in the air – so shall we ever be
Mat 5:22	In danger of hell fire (<i>Gehenna</i> – originally the valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, where the filth and dead animals of the city were cast out and burned)
Mat 5:29-30	Cast into hell (<i>Gehenna</i>)
Mat 10:28	Destroy both soul and body in hell (<i>Gehenna</i>)
Luke 16:19-31	Lazarus in Abraham’s Bosom [cf. Judges 9:7-16; Mat. 5:13-16. Some early Greek and Aramaic sources add, “And he said also another parable” to the beginning of Luke 16:19. Pharisees: “ <i>They also believe that souls have an immortal vigour in them, and that under the earth there will be rewards or punishments , according as they have lived virtuously or viciously in this</i> ”

life, and the latter are to be detained in an everlasting prison, but that the former shall have power to revive and live again” - Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews XVIII, i, 3. See also Luke 16:14-15; Acts 23:6-11.]

Rev 21:8 Second death
Rev 20:12-15 Judgement and lake of fire

Grace and Joy & Peace

II Chron. 20:27 They returned with joy, for the Lord had made them to rejoice
Neh 8:1-12 The Joy of the Lord is your strength
Psalm 5:11-12 Let those that trust thee rejoice, let them ever shout for joy
Psalm 16:11 In thy presence is fulness of joy
Psalm 21:1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Lord, he shall greatly rejoice
Psalm 43:4 **God my exceeding joy** (NLT: the source of all my joy; NIV: my joy and my delight; lit: gladness of my joy)
Eccl. 9:4-10 Eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart
Isa 26:3-4 Perfect peace whose mind is stayed
Jer. 15:16 Thy word was the joy and rejoicing of mine heart
Luke 1:43-44 Babe leaped in womb for joy
Luke 2:8-14 Good tidings of great joy (vs. 10)
John 15:10-14 That my joy might remain in you, and that your joy may be full
Luke 24:49-53 Returned to Jerusalem with great joy
Acts 8:1-8 There was great joy in that city
Acts 13:42-52 The disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost
Rom. 5:6-11 We also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ
Rom. 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing

Col 1:9-11	All patience and longsuffering with joyfulness
I Thes. 5:16-18	Rejoice evermore
I Tim 6:17	Trust in the Living God, who giveth us all things richly to enjoy
Phil 4:6-7	The peace of God shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus