

FROM GRACE TO GLORY

LESSON 1

NOTES

Who God is and what He is like.

- > God is a Holy Spirit. *Isaiah 43:3 & 14*

God's holiness is like the trunk of a tree with all of the attributes flowing out of it as the branches and fruit.

- > God is righteous. *Jeremiah 23:6*
- > God is gracious. *Exodus 34:6*
- > God is merciful. *Deuteronomy 4:31*
- > God is forgiving. *I John 1:9*
- > God is longsuffering. *Numbers 14:18*
- > God is love. *1 John 4:7,8*
- > God is understanding. *Job 12:13*
- > God is gentle. *Psalms 18:35*
- > God is just. *Jeremiah 23:5*

There is one way to know God ... through the Bible. *II Timothy 3:16; Jeremiah 30:2; I Peter 1:21*

The Bible tells us how to understand the Scriptures.

- > The Bible calls anyone who teaches something other than what the Bible teaches "a liar." *Romans 3:4*
- > The Bible is not for private interpretation. *II Peter 1:20*
- > We must examine the Scriptures. *Acts 17:11*
- > The key to knowing God is to study His Holy Word. *II Timothy 2:15*
- > God said that we shouldn't add or take away from His Word. *Deuteronomy 4:2*
- > God calls someone who adds to His Word a liar. *Proverbs 30:6*
- > Anyone adding or taking away from God's Word will be judged. *Revelation 22:18-19*

Sin always separates us from God.

- > God created man to live forever and have an intimate relationship with Him. *Revelation 4:11*
- > Everyone has done something that separates them from God. *Romans 3:23*
- > To think otherwise is to deceive ourselves. *I John 1:8*
- > The consequence of our actions is death. *Romans 6:23*

We can only have a relationship with God through His GRACE, or God's unmerited favor.

- > God came in flesh to pay the price for our sin. *John 3:16*
- > Jesus came to earth to save us from our sin. *Matthew 1:21*

Where will we spend eternity? God allows us to choose. *Joshua 24:15*

The Bible talks about two choices that each of us can make.

- > God's Way and Man's Way. *Proverbs 14:12*
- > Adam chose man's way. *Genesis 2:16-17, Genesis 3:6*
- > God gave Adam and Eve hope for all generations. *Genesis 3:15*

From the very beginning, with God's way a *blood sacrifice was required to cover or remove man's sin. *Hebrews 9:22*

- > Cain offered God the fruit from the ground while his brother , Abel, offered a lamb to God. *Genesis 4:3-4*
- > Cain had a rebellious attitude. *Genesis 4:5*
- > God extended GRACE to Cain. *Genesis 4:6*
- > Cain rejected God's GRACE. *Genesis 4:8*

The first thing that is necessary for salvation is GRACE. *Ephesians 2:5*

- > Receiving God's GRACE requires FAITH. *Ephesians 2:8*
- > True FAITH results in salvation. *I Peter 1:9*
- > True FAITH isn't merely mental assent, but it has corresponding action called OBEDIENCE. *James 2:26*
- > OBEDIENCE is what causes FAITH to be alive. *Hebrews 5:9*

Let us consider what happened to Cain when he refused to respond to God's GRACE with FAITH and OBEDIENCE.

- > A curse resulting from sin was placed on Cain. *Genesis 4:11-14*
- > If we reject God's GRACE we could end up out of the presence of God for eternity. *Matthew 8:21*

What happens when people respond to God's GRACE with FAITH and OBEDIENCE? People are saved.

- > A man named Noah found GRACE. *Genesis 6:5-8*
- > God gave Noah specific instructions on how to be spared. *Genesis 6:14*
- > Noah responded to God's GRACE with FAITH and OBEDIENCE. *Hebrews 11:7*
- > The only people on earth who survived the flood were Noah and his family . *Genesis 7:21-23*
- > We have to trust God. *Proverbs 3:5-6*
- > If we try to do things man's way by the use of logic or reason, the end result is death. *Proverbs 14:12*
- > If we choose God's way by receiving God's GRACE by FAITH and OBEDIENCE, we will have life. *John 10:10*