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HOW IT ORIGINATED

Grateful recipients of GGN teaching articles have sent e-mails telling how the teachings have impacted their lives and ministries. Discovering the reality of the finished work of Jesus Christ affects one area after another, and during this process questions may arise too.

We have received several questions related to one specific topic, namely that of giving and tithing. "Is this still valid in the New Covenant?" "How does it fit into the teachings of the Gospel of Grace?" "Please explain." In this newsletter one of the authors presents some important scriptures and views related to giving and tithing in the New Covenant. Many answers can be found by going back to the origination of the topic discussed, and the author brings us back to the time before the law of Moses was given and the attitude the first tithe was given in.

The second article is also very important, talking about God's eternal love for you and me. Did this love change after the fall of men? Was it God's anger for men that brought Jesus to the cross, or God's love for all mankind? We encourage you to take time to carefully meditate on the truths presented, as they have the potential to go deep into our hearts and change our view of both God and ourselves. The perfect love of God drives out all fear.



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GIVING AND TITHING IN THE NEW COVENANT

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In the new covenant we walk by grace and not by our own deeds. But what about tithes and offerings? Is this something that only belongs the old covenant, or is it relevant in the new covenant as well?

The Generosity of the Early Christians

When studying the New Testament we find several examples of the generosity of the early Christians.

"Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need." (Acts 2:44-45)

"Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need." (Acts 4:34-35)

This passage says that they had all things in common. They sold their possessions, so that the proceeds could be shared amongst the Christians according to their needs. They even sold their houses! If I sold my house or apartment and gave all the money to the Church for them to distribute according to people's needs, then I think many would say that I was crazy – or at least irresponsible. People would say that I had to think of my children and give them a good place to grow up – and be sure to have enough money to provide them a good childhood.

In today's society, selling our houses, apartments, and other important belongings may not be the most practical way to handle offerings to

God. But it is evident that the early Christians had an attitude of giving and sharing. They gave far beyond what most of us would dream of doing today!

Grace to Give

Paul's second letter to the Corinthians teaches about «the grace to give».

“Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.” (2. Cor. 8:1-5)

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Paul tells the Corinthians about how the churches of Macedonia gave beyond their ability. They were living in deep poverty, but they still were incredibly happy. They urgently desired to be part of the fellowship of ministering to the saints. They did not just ask if they could give; they were pleading for the privilege to help!

Collection in the Church

Paul also teaches about the collection in the Church. The Church has the responsibility to help and to bring people to Jesus. This task requires money. God knows that money is important for us and that money is important in the Church. While the Bible mentions prayer about 500 times and faith about 500 times, it mentions money about 2000 times!

Here are three important principles when it comes to offerings:

1) **Delight in the Giving**

“So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2. Cor 9:7) God wants us to give out of generosity and not as a grudging obligation.

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God does not want you to feel the pressure or the demand to give. He does not want you to feel condemned if you don't give. The motive for giving under the New Covenant is a cheerful heart!

2) **Because we ARE Blessed**

Many of us have experienced Churches, TV-pastors and others who try to manipulate us to think that we have to give – or otherwise we will fall outside of God's blessings. But that is a lie! In the new covenant we give because we ARE blessed. Paul concludes his teaching about offerings in 2. Cor. by saying *“Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!”* (2. Cor. 9:15)

God has already given everything to us, and our giving expresses our gratitude to Him.

3) **Sowing and Reaping**

Although we give because we already ARE blessed, God wants to bless us even more. God loves us so abundantly! *“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”* (2. Cor 9:6)

As a farmer sowing the seed is waiting for a multiplication at the harvest, we

have a Father who wants to multiply what we give. When we sow, He will multiply our harvest – so that we are blessed and able to sow even more.

A New and Better Covenant

Hebrews 7 through 10 focus on the two covenants and points in particular at Christ as the priest for the new covenant.

“Now the main point of what we are saying is this: we do have such a high priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, and who serves in the sanctuary, the true tabernacle set up by the Lord, not by a mere human being.” (Hebr. 8:1-2)

It continues describing Jesus as the mediator for the new covenant.

“But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises. For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.” (Hebr. 8:6-7)

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The Difference Between the Two Covenants

In Galatians 4, Paul uses Abraham's family to illustrate the difference between the two covenants.

“For it is written that Abraham had two sons: the one by a bondwoman, the other by a freewoman. But he who was of the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and he of the freewoman through promise, which things are symbolic. For these are the two

covenants: the one from Mount Sinai which gives birth to bondage, which is Hagar—for this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia, and corresponds to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children—but the Jerusalem above is free, which is the mother of us all.” For it is written:

“Rejoice, O barren, You who do not bear! Break forth and shout, You who are not in labor! For the desolate has many more children than she who has a husband.” Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman.” So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free. (Gal 4:22-31)

Here are two women; Hagar and Sara. Hagar, the slave woman, represents the old covenant where the children were born into slavery. The son Abraham got together with Hagar, Ismael, was born according to the flesh. Sara, the free woman, represents the new covenant. The son Abraham got together with Sara, Isaac, was born as a result of a divine promise.

Like Isaac, we are children of the promise; we shall be rid of the slave woman and her son, we shall be rid of the old covenant.

This means that we are not part of the old covenant and thereby not part of the tithing or the offerings in the old covenant! But is tithing solely in the old covenant? This is something very important to study carefully.

The Covenant with Abraham

We are Abraham's seed.

“Therefore know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham. And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, ‘In you all the nations shall be blessed.’ So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham.” (Gal 3:7-9)

The covenant with Abraham is valid for us who are living in the New Covenant today.

The promises were made to Abraham and his seed. These promises were made a long before the law was given, and were not abolished by the law!

“And this I say, that the law, which was four hundred and thirty years later, cannot annul the covenant that was confirmed before by God in Christ, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no longer of promise; but God gave it to Abraham by promise.” (Gal 3:17-18)

Further down in the same chapter Paul says:

“And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.” (Gal 3:29)

This means that the covenant with Abraham was established 430 years before the Law was given and it is directly connected with the New Covenant! The covenant with Abraham is valid for us who are living in the New Covenant today.

A New Covenant with a New Priesthood

Hebrews chapter 7 describes what happened when Abraham returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and his allied kings and how Jesus is a priest

according to the order of Melchizedek:

“For it is evident that our Lord arose from Judah, of which tribe Moses spoke nothing concerning priesthood. And it is yet far more evident if, in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. For He testifies: ‘You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.’ ” (Hebr. 7:14-17)

Earlier in the same chapter Melchizedek is described as the “king of righteousness”, the “king of peace,” and “without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually.”

Long before the law was given, Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils to the priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek.

Jesus is priest according to the order of Melchizedek, not according to the order of Aron. When Jesus died on the cross and rose again, there was a change of priesthood. It was the end of the Levitical priesthood and a new priesthood as introduced with Melchizedek was started – a priesthood with Jesus as the high priest forever!

Abrahams Tithing to Melchizedek

Long before the law was given, Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils to the priest of the Most High God, Melchizedek:

Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine; he was the priest of God Most High. And he blessed him and said:

“Blessed be Abram of God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth;

And blessed be God Most High, Who has delivered your enemies into your hand."

And he gave him a tithe of all. (Gen 14.18-20)

HERE WE CLEARLY SEEING THAT TITHING STARTED WITH ABRAHAM AND MELCHIZEDEK, NOT WITH MOSES!

We also see that Abraham was blessed first and then he gave tithes! As described earlier, the first Christians gave because they were already blessed – not in order to become blessed. We see the same here with Abraham.

We are the real seed of Abraham and tithes apply to us as well. It started with Abraham and continued with Isaac and Jacob. Jacob connects the tithe with the house of God:

"And this stone which I have set as a pillar shall be God's house, and of all that You give me I will surely give a tenth to You." (Gen 28.22)

Who Shall Receive the Tithe?

The new covenant settles this in the letter to the Hebrews.

The tithing started with Melchizedek who is a picture of Jesus as the High Priest:

"Now consider how great this man was, to whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. And indeed those who are of the sons of Levi, who receive the priesthood, have a commandment to receive tithes from the people according to the law, that is, from their brethren, though they have come from the loins of Abraham; but he whose genealogy is not derived from them received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. Now beyond all contradiction the lesser is blessed by the better. Here mortal men receive tithes, but there he receives them, of whom it is witnessed that he lives. Even Levi, who receives tithes, paid tithes through Abraham, so to speak, for he was still in the loins of his father when Melchizedek met him. (Hebr 7.1-10)

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This means that the tithe is given to Him who lives. And the Church is Jesus' body in this world; it is God's temple. That is why offerings of money were placed "at the feet of the apostles". The offerings of money were distributed by the leadership in the Church. This enlightens the purpose of tithing. The tithes shall bring "food into the house of God". "Even so the Lord has commanded that those who

preach the gospel should live from the gospel." (1.Cor 9.14).

The tithe is for us today, just as it was for Abraham 430 years before the law. But do not mix it with the tithing under the law, where they were tithing to avoid being cursed. We are free and we tithe because we ARE blessed and we WANT to sow into His kingdom. As we sow the seed we have received from Him, we can trust that we will receive a blessed harvest which enables us to sow even more.



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How do you see yourself? What are your "defining moments" and how have they affected you? How can our past limit our future? Is there more "territory" to you? How are the two components; God's provision and my desires working together?



GOD'S ETERNAL LOVE FOR YOU!

By: Evan Beecham

Many people have a perverted view of God's attitude and thoughts toward them. They think God is angry with them and that they have to earn God's love. So let us have a look at God's eternal love for us!

Let's start with this understanding; Jesus did not come to change God's mind about man, He came to change man's mind about God.

When we consider God's love, we understand that God's love is unconditional, and this love is described in 1 Cor. 13. His love is so completely opposite of our understanding of love in this world, and it has become so skewed that many have seen love actually as conditional vs. unconditional. God IS love! Unconditional and fully acceptance of us as we are! This unconditional love that the world is searching for, and religion has added conditions to, so that they may gain God's acceptance and blessings, is the only way we are innocent in Christ.

Law-based Christianity

If we can understand the origin of the law, and perceive God's position of unconditional love through Adam's failure, we can perceive more accurately our innocence, and our sure foundation for God's super-abounding grace in our lives. I have found in my grace walk, that many

Christians have what I describe as "religious scar tissue" in their thinking process. A scar results from the healing of a wound, which can produce scar tissue and can cause pain and future complications from an old wound. We are dealing with an old wound here, as old as mankind. Whether it is worldly thinking or religious thinking, it all stems from a perverted view of God's attitude and thoughts toward mankind. As long as this scar tissue remains, there will be complications on our part concerning our total acceptance of our innocence and righteousness, which has been given to us as a result of the finished work of Christ Jesus.

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Now when we consider the cross, and what Jesus has accomplished, we generally agree that because of the cross we were forgiven and given His righteousness which has restored our innocence. In Grace we receive that as unconditional love. Our forgiveness

is provided without continual self-effort to have to continually ask for forgiveness. Instead we declare our righteousness by faith. Many times there are still a lot of religious scar tissue here, as you will see shortly. Now the religious view of the cross is salvation based on our works, and our attempt to qualify for God's acceptance and blessings.

If we obey we are blessed, and if we do not then we are punished. This is law-based Christianity.

I want to help those who are learning the grace walk, but are dealing with the effects of old wounds producing future doubts and causing them to question their innocence. The combining of grace and law produces mixture and confusion. The world is attracted to this good news of God's grace. As for the religious, when the law drives them to the end of themselves, that is where they find His love and grace with open arms. It was always there, but at the end of ourselves we discover we need a savior. We cannot save ourselves by our own works. Works based religion does not see the need for a savior; they try to be righteous by their own efforts, or **self** righteousness.

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Jesus came to show us the Father

It has helped me tremendously to go to where the failure of man started, and look at it from Love's perspective. This helps remove the religious scar tissue which causes pain and complications.

The scar tissue usually inflicts pain after the wound seems to be healed, in

this way; we could liken it to unresolved issues about our Father's love that resurface when we find ourselves in a crisis. We begin to question ourselves because of the uncertainty of our Father's full, unconditional love for us. We might ask ourselves: "What must I do now to fix this?" "Is this a test from God?" "Have I displeased or angered God somehow?" God was not and is not angry at man, rather He was angry with sin; and He separated sin from the man where any anger was concerned. Do you hate the friend who has an internal disease, or do you hate the disease but love the friend? This **perceived** anger or displeasure from God toward man is the primary damage caused by religious scar tissue. It is also propagated by religion. We are even subtly led to believe that God is still angry, but Jesus went to the cross to appease God for us, because God needed someone to pay. And Jesus is the only one standing between us and an angry God. Not so! For God so LOVED the world... God was IN Christ reconciling the world to himself..Jesus came to show us the Father and if you have seen Me, He said, you have seen the Father.

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When we see Jesus, in His love and compassion, we have seen the Father in His love and compassion. Jesus introduced us to the Father and His unconditional love, a love that could not be fully revealed, nor experienced in the Old Covenant setting, although God's love for humanity was the same then as now; for God is love. Jesus came to reveal our misunderstood loving Father to humanity. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He has not changed, and He is love, and He was and is

forever love, unconditional love. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one love (agape), no exceptions. An interpreter interprets from a language that one does not understand, to a language that the one receiving the interpretation can understand. This interpretation from God to man, through Jesus, is the language of love. John 5:19: "Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner." Jesus interprets the Father to us. He came to reveal the Father's love for us, and His love was demonstrated to us on the cross! Rom 5:8: "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

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God has ALWAYS loved us, and Jesus revealed the Father's love for us. He did all of this, to re-introduce us to ourselves. Understanding this, I believe, will heal religious scar tissue that continues to find its way into our thinking, because of our "**angry God**" mentality.

The Garden of Eden

Let's look at Genesis 2, where it all started. Here in the garden, Adam lost his way. Before Adam fell, he was highly favored and all the wealth of this earth was drawn to Adam and spewed out at his feet from the river Pishon; he did not have to dig for the gold or onyx, it was laying there on the ground. The Garden of Eden means happiness, paradise, and pleasure. This was a place where he could have fun, enjoy life and everything was richly provided for him. God created

man and was well pleased with him.

Somewhere, it seems we thought that God unconditionally loved man, but put His love on hold when man fell. God then became angry, even furious, until Jesus bore His anger on the cross. How can this be? **God IS love** and He is the same, yesterday, today, and forever more. Is this true? What really happened in the garden? If we can catch this through the lens of grace, I believe it eliminates the religious scar tissue imbedded in our minds. This is a scandal to the religious mind. Let's look closer.

Tree of conscience. Gen. 2:9 & 16-17 TLB *"At the center of the Garden of Eden (pleasure) He placed the Tree of life and the Tree of conscience, giving knowledge of good and bad. But The Lord gave the man this warning: 'you may eat any fruit in the garden except the fruit from the tree of conscience for its fruit will open your eyes to make you aware of right and wrong, good and bad. If you eat its fruit, you will be doomed to die.'"*

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Eating from this tree started an awareness of guilt, shame and condemnation. It began ruling the day, and the only way to attempt freedom from these feelings was for Adam to, "in his own effort," pay a debt, by becoming good enough to try to qualify himself to be accepted and loved by God. He began trying to earn acceptance, love and blessings from God. This was impossible. Hence the law system was born, or introduced, so to speak, by the choice of Adam and Eve. God is love and He is only good! Not good and bad, but only good!

Just as all men became exceedingly sinful through one man Adam's

disobedience but **did not know it until the law revealed it**, so all men became exceedingly righteous through Jesus' one act of righteousness **but they do not know it until the gospel reveals it**. (Mirror Bible intro to Romans.)

Adam's Twisted Perception

After Adam partook of the tree of conscience, what did God do? He came in the cool of the evening to be with Adam, as He usually did. Where was Adam and Eve? Hiding because **they** were ashamed!

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Adam's perception became twisted. Let's look at two areas where it was twisted.

Adams view of God: God still loved Adam, and came to him for their time of fellowship, yet Adam's perception of God became "twisted". He now viewed God as a hard person, judging him, a person who hated him. Adam's shame and guilt caused him to try to hide from God.

Adams view of himself: Adam thought of himself as a person who needed to pay for his mistakes. He now thought he had to earn God's goodness. Things were no longer free, and he became a debtor. He saw himself as an object of God's wrath. Whenever we find ourselves with a debt we cannot pay, condemnation and guilt are sure to follow.

God had to satisfy Adam's sense of justice. It was Adam who was obligated, and wanted to pay. Because of his guilt, Adam would always be looking for a way to pay a debt he could never pay. Adam's sense of justice was to pay out of guilt. True

forgiveness demands nothing. God freely gave His son, and He never expected anything in return.

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'So you see sin is the father of all religions. It demands that you make a payment. So God allowed man to have a religion, a system of law for man to "try to make right" his relationship with God; to render him a **temporary solution** to a problem he created for himself. Man thought by this manner he could bring himself to God by "installment"- an annual subscription.' (Simon Yap)

Hebr.10:1-4: *"For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."*

Perfect Love

Many people have a poor image of themselves, because of their concerns and view of their beginning. Although their identity and value is not based on *their beginning* in life, who their parents were, if they were rejected, abandoned, orphaned, abused or any other occurrence of life. These things can leave a mark in our lives, which along with our wrong belief of God and His eternal love, can cause religious scar tissue in our minds. The point is that even if we never experienced any of these events in our youth, if we don't have a clear understanding of God's love from the

beginning through eternity, then in a time of crisis, the scar tissue begins to bring us back to the painful memories of an angry or insensitive God. One who doesn't trust us, or suddenly switched from unconditional love to conditional love and now must put us to the test, to see if we qualify for His blessings. This is non-sense. Perfect love cast out fear, because fear has torment! Perfect love is God's eternal, unconditional love and acceptance of us. When we feel unloved by God, it is as though that "wrong believing" scar tissue flares up and tries to draw us back to a conditional view of God's love. It is here, where we find ourselves by returning to the law again, trying to appease God or fix things in our own effort. That is not His love, His love continually and gently leads us to His rest, no conditions, no strings attached, no obligation. God has always loved us, and because God so loved the world; (He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore), God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Eph 1:4 Mirror, *"He associated us in Christ before the fall of the world! Jesus is God's mind made up about us! **He always knew in His love that He would present us again face-to-face before Him in blameless innocence.**"*

Because of his guilt, Adam would always be looking for a way to pay a debt he could never pay.

I believe an understanding of God's unconditional love from the beginning, is vital for us to be established, strengthened, and settled in this gospel of grace. It also helps us to understand the height, depth, length and breadth of God's love for us, filling us with all the fullness of God.

Eph 3:16-21 (Murdock) *that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might*

by his Spirit; that in your inner man the Messiah may dwell by faith, and in your hearts by love, while your root and your foundation waxeth strong; and that ye may be able to explore, with all the saints, what is the height and depth, and length and breadth, and may know the greatness of the Messiah's love; and that ye may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able, by his almighty power, to do for us even more than we ask or think, according to his power that worketh in us; to him be glory, in his church, by Jesus the Messiah, in all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Perfect love is God's eternal, unconditional love and acceptance of us.

If we have not settled that ALL sin debt was fully paid at the cross, then we will be un-settled, un-established and without strength, returning to our own efforts (the law) to try to pay a debt again. Love forever paid the debt, we can rest in that.

His love is the only thing that will cast out fear.

Sometimes we face contradictions in life that can challenge our beliefs. It is during these times that we need to

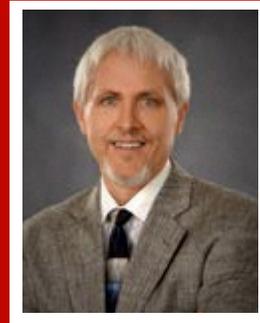
be established in His love, because His love is the only thing that will cast out fear. Focus on the crisis and the fear meter goes up, focus on His love and the fear is cast out. This is the very reason we need to be settled in His love. His love brings victory in our contradiction; confusion about His

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love will inflame the "scar tissue" and attempt to return us to the law to save ourselves.

I don't think we can exaggerate God's grace. I love the way 2 Cor. 9:8 states this in the Mirror translation; *"It is impossible to exaggerate the dimensions and detail of the grace of God! Plunge into the extravagance of grace where He exhibits the extreme dynamics of His bountiful dealings with us! We are already advantaged far beyond any calculation of personal merit to be totally self sufficient at all times in every possible situation that we might face! The overflow thereof amply supplies the needs of others in many creative ways to do good!"* Now that is unconditional love!

I believe the grace revolution is awakening us to the absolute goodness and love of God, and the truth that God has always highly valued and loved man. Let's not let the old way of thinking inflame the scar tissue of an old wound back to an angry God mindset. It is a distraction from the truth, and disturbs our peace and rest. Israel failed to enter His rest because of unbelief. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest. Experience His love and let it fill you to overflowing. Receive His **abundance of grace** and **gift of righteousness** (love gifts) and reign in life through one Christ Jesus.



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