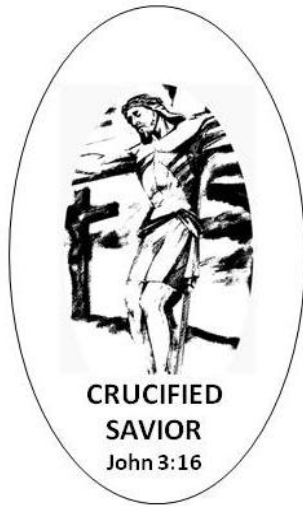


***God's
Counter-
Insurgency***

When God finished creating the world and its cosmic community, He said that it was “very good.” He gave Adam dominion over the earth but the “serpent,” by deception took that dominion and the battle between good and evil began on this planet. God had a counter-insurgency plan in place that began immediately to be implemented with promises of a Deliverer to come. At the appropriate time that Deliverer, baby Jesus, came. He lived a perfect life but died the sinner’s death



Crucified Savior

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Romans 6:23 (NIV)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 (NIV)

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” 2 Corinthians 5:21
(NIV)



Living Lord

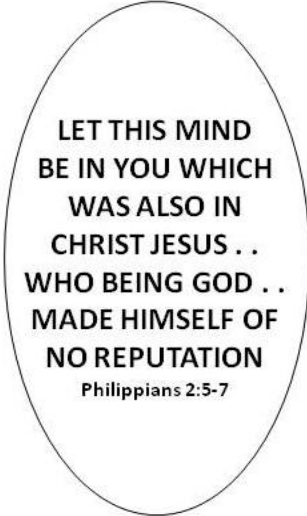
“For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,” 1 Corinthians 15:3-6 (NIV)

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, “ Colossians 2:6 (NIV)



Servant of All

Jesus lived on earth not as a king, though he is one, but as a servant. Where ever he went he cared for the needs of others. Here, on the last night before he was crucified, when his disciples were trying to figure out which of them would be the greatest in the new kingdom they thought Jesus was going to set up, Jesus took the role of a servant – a slave - and washed their feet! Beyond that, though he could have called 10,000 angels to his rescue, he submitted to our cruelties even to death on a cross. What boundless love!!!



LET THIS MIND
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Philippians 2:5-7

Let this Mind

What is the source of strife in our homes, our neighborhoods, our county, state and country, yes even between nations? Does not strife occur when we demand our rights? Jesus is God Almighty! He had every right to be served but he gave up that right to serve. So if we want peace in our homes we must let the mind of Jesus be in us and be willing to give up our rights. We must die to self daily. When we do this we can trust that God will supply all our needs.



Receiving Grace

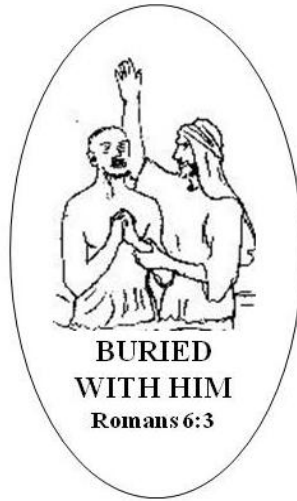
MERCY is when God withholds from me what I deserve. GRACE is when God gives me what I don't deserve.

The younger son of a wealthy family couldn't wait until his father died to receive his inheritance. He wanted to go out and experience the ways of the world. So he asked his father to give him his share of the estate. With a heavy heart his father complied and watched as his son made his way down the road away from home. When the son had wasted it all on riotous living and was wretched and homeless he decided to go home where his father was waiting with open arms. Luke 15:11-31



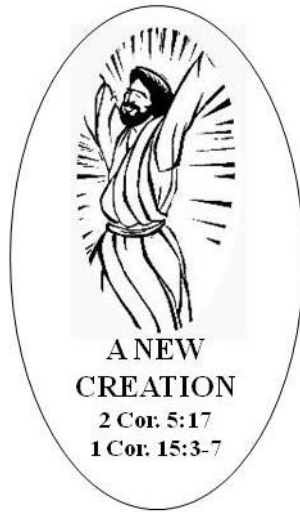
Living Grace

When you have received mercy and grace and understood their true value you cannot withhold mercy and grace from another human being. For the mercy and grace you have received comes at the cost of Jesus' life. But to give mercy and grace to another is also costly. For you must crucify self daily if you would be really free!! You are free because you have given up all your rights trusting God to provide all you need. When you are living the grace-filled life you will have the peace that only Jesus gives – not the kind of peace the world offers.



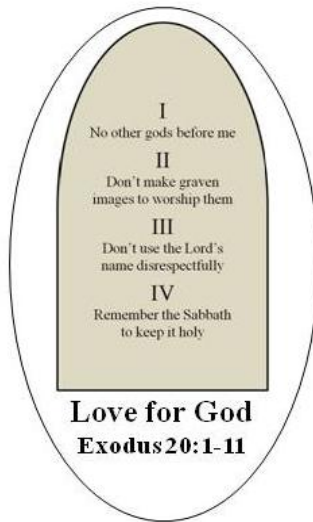
Buried With Him

“What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.” Romans 6:1-4 (NIV)



A New Creation

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God who reconciled us to himself through Jesus Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.” 2 Corinthians 5:16-18 (NIV)



Love for God

Seeing that God loves you so much that Jesus willingly took your guilt and penalty, dying in your place, how do you show your love for Him?

1. No one else will take first place in your life. Who do you talk about? Your favorite movie or sports star?
2. Nothing else will take first place in your life. What does – car, house, big screen? What is it?
3. Your conversation will reveal great respect for God who is always present.
4. You will reserve the Sabbath for Him. Do you meet with Him on the day of His choosing?



Love for Neighbors

Your neighbors are those your life touches especially those in need. Luke 10:25-37 How do you love them?

5. You will respect and care for your parents.
6. You will respect life that is uniquely human doing nothing that will reduce the quality of life of others or yourself.
7. You will respect the sanctity of sexual relationships even in your thoughts.
8. You will respect the ownership rights of others.
9. You will respect the right of others to trust you – in both verbal and non-verbal communications.
10. You will respect God's promise to provide for you just what you need so that envy, greed and covetousness will not mar your relationships with your neighbors.



I Will Return

After Jesus rose from the grave he appeared to his people over a period of 40 days. He helped them understand from the Scriptures why it was that he had to die. Now his disciples walk with him to the top of a hill where he commissions them to take the story of his life, death and resurrection to all of the world. “After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men in white stood beside them. “Men of Galilee,” they said, “why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.” Acts 1:9-11 (NIV)



He Is Coming Again

“At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.”

Matthew 24:30, 31 (NIV)

“Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him.” Revelation 1:7 (NIV)

***This is to invite you to accept
God's love and saving grace
and out of love for Him be a
full-time Disciple of Jesus,
keeping all of his
commandments not allowing
the attractions of this world
to keep you from following
Him in loving service to
others.***

Let Us know of your decision and join
us in praying for others to come to
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