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## GRACE IN ITS PUREST FORM

*By Dr. Henry Harbuck, PCAI International General Overseer*

Returning to find the Galatians again under the Law [of bondage], Paul (who had previously taught them about grace) exclaimed, “O you foolish Galatians, who has bewitched [that is, *mesmerized*—or *deluded*] you, and caused you to follow [again] the Law [by casting a spell over you? Gal. 3:1]” They had once again reverted to arguing about holy days, holy foods, holy clothing, holy living, and holy swearing. Though much may be said today about “holy living” (which is pleasing to God); legalism is of little value, and puts people under bondage and slavery. People don’t *need* to perform “good deeds” to be saved, but they *will* perform “good deeds” when they *are* saved.

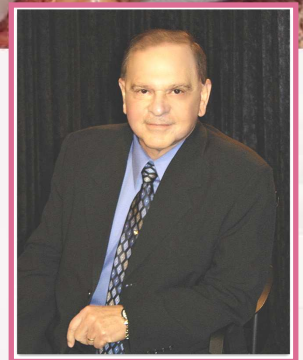
The Bible says, ...”where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

liberty; that is, freedom and not bondage” (2 Corinthians 3:17). That scripture applies to what I am saying because this freedom of the Spirit calls us into liberty from the law and away from the bondage of sin.

Too often people see grace as being a cover up for sin. But in truth the liberty we receive from the Spirit shows us grace is the power to walk away from sin. The law puts us under condemnation always showing us how weak we are and that we can never be free from the weight (the law) of sin. While grace shows us how strong God is and how willing HE is to intervene in our lives. This type of grace is received by faith. It is not a work of our wills.

In conclusion, I am convinced the Bible teaches

that *grace* is simply trusting in God’s *love* to run the race of faith. Even though we may fall away and hurt ourselves and others, through confession and obedience to His word, we are given another chance. *This is GRACE in its purest form!* You may feel like a loser when you fall away, but a real winner will rise to the occasion and try... try... try again in the power of His grace.♥



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# Narrative of Eight Dangerous People in any Organization

By Dr. Daniel Agomoh



Calvary greetings to you and yours in the mighty name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen! May the Lord God Almighty bless your week-end ahead in Jesus' mighty name, Amen!

*"Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.' But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work" (2 Timothy 2:19-21).*

But the firm foundation laid by God stands, sure and

unshaken, bearing this seal of inscription. The Lord knows those who are His, and, let everyone who names himself by the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it.

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also utensils of wood and earthenware, and some for honorable and noble uses and some for menial and ignoble uses. So, whoever cleanses himself from what is ignoble and unclean, who separates himself from contact with contaminating and corrupting influences will then himself be a vessel set apart and useful for honorable and noble purposes, consecrated and profitable to the Master, fit and ready for any good work.

## NARRATIVE OF EIGHT DANGEROUS PEOPLE IN ANY ORGANIZATION

Below are eight groups of dangerous people that we need to know about and handle them with wisdom and knowledge but not to hate them.

### Thomas Group

They walk with you, eat with you and possibly live with you but don't really believe in you. They keep on delaying your vision and mission. (John 20:24-29)

### Judas Group

They walk with you, eat with you and possibly live with you but are after what they can get from you or elsewhere. They are not loyal and can easily betray you. (Matt. 26:14-16)

### Demas Group

They walk with you and possibly live with you. But once you start facing challenges and difficulties, they run away and forsake you. (2 Timothy 4:10)

### Korah Group

They pretend to be walking with you but when God begins to bless you, they will be jealous of your success. They challenge your influence and authority. They have issues when others acknowledge you. (Num.16:1-3)

### Ham Group

They are close to you, yet they expose your secrets and nakedness. The day you make a mistake or commit an

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# God Says to Pursue Your Dreams and Without Fail You will Recover All

By Rev. Michael Taylor, Raphah Ministries President

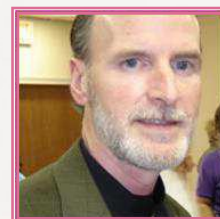
My spirit is very up at this time. I have much good anticipation about the upcoming season we are entering. I feel the next five months will be a time for us to get to higher ground and begin the process of recovering all. We have been through a very difficult two-year season. The virus took many out and has caused a lot of chaos in our country. I feel God will give us a time now to recover and get ready for the battles ahead. These are the last days, so we know the enemy is not going away. For now, however, he

is being exposed. It's like the scene from the Wizard of Oz. God has pulled back the curtain for all to see and the enemy is scrambling to cover up. The enemy knows his time is short so we must use this time to further prepare.

I feel God will give us the resources we need to fight with even during a time of inflation and economic difficulties. I also sense God will give many of His people, dreams, visions, blueprints, and strategies for the future. God is giving out assignments to His people.

These are destiny moments we are living in. Many will begin to better understand their role in life. It's going to take all of us doing our part. The body of Christ is waking up worldwide. We have the same power that raised Christ from the dead living on the inside of us.

God is yet again creating the perfect storm. It's the same battle from the start, good versus evil. I think one of the best examples I can give about what I see taking place now is the story about King David recovering all at Ziklag. David and his men came to Ziklag



and discovered that the Amalekites had invaded and attacked Ziklag and burned it with fire. You can read about this in 1 Samuel chapter 30. The Amalekites took captive the women and those who were there from small to great. The bible says that when David saw what the Amalekites had done, he was distressed, and he wept.

However, the bible goes on to say that David strengthened himself in the

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# Social Media and the Church

*Excerpt from Christian Law Association*

Anyone can be recorded and posted to the internet for almost anything these days, and this is especially true of pastors and those in ministry. Recordings can be taken out of context and used as a tool to accomplish a devious purpose. We are concerned about pastors preaching the truth of the Gospel and others alleging such teachings as hate speech. The Bible teaches that we are to let our speech be always with grace (Colossians 4:6), so consider the following guidelines to aid in being both gracious while also speaking truth:

## 1. Know that what you post on social media matters.

Words and ideas have consequences. Consider what you are posting what potential ramifications there may be due to the post. Ask yourself whether this the most gracious and loving way to communicate the Gospel. Ask yourself if what you are posting is rooted in the Gospel and coming from a humbled and confessed heart reliant on the Holy Spirit.

\*Are you reposting copy righted materials?

\*Are you posting confidential information or sensitive information? Consider the lawsuit of a Syrian Muslim convert to Christianity. His church publicly posted about his baptism and when he returned to Syria to visit family he was tortured and nearly killed due to his family learning of the baptism from the church's public post

on the internet. Oklahoma's Supreme Court found in favor of the man when he sued the church for the wrongdoing.

\*Are you posting content on social media in violation of your employment agreement with your employer? Bi-vocational pastors and parishioners should ensure that it is permissible according to their employer to state in their profile where they work. We have seen corporations fire employees for unknowingly stating where they work in their social media profile and stating something on social media that was disapproved of by the corporation.

## 2. Privacy settings don't mean content will remain private.

While social media platforms like Twitter and Facebook have privacy settings where one can restrict who has access to content, don't rely on such settings to protect you. People can take screenshots and use other methods to share

"private" content. Do not post what you do not want others to see.

## 3. Actively participate in social media to control the narrative about you and your ministry.

Make sure that you tell the world about yourself and your ministry instead of finding yourself in a place where you are only responding to negative post or a clip taken out of context. Anyone coming to your social media site should be able to ascertain your ministry's purpose, intentions, and ethos. In addition to posting about who you are and what you believe, actively engage with those commenting on posts. Actively monitor posts so that you can proactively respond to any negative comments or posts that have potential to stir up problems. Leverage social media for positive good in your church community so that it is a positive tool for spreading the Gospel and loving others.

## 4. You're not guaranteed free speech on social media platforms.

Free speech is a right from the government between the government and its

citizens. Face book does not guarantee free speech (unless you work for the government and that free speech is only in limited circumstances.) Do not expect all of your speech to be permitted in all contexts without consequences.

Churches should also have a social media policy in place that communicates to employees that what they say on social media matters and provides restrictions about what is permissible and impermissible.

Communicate with your employees that how you say something is often a huge component in how it is interpreted.

## 5. Let prayer and the Holy Spirit be your guide.

Commit your ways to the Lord and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in your public and forward-facing ministry. In faith, have confidence in the Lord to lead those you love to serve your church and serve your community. Walk in the Spirit when you post and engage in social media platforms. Ask for God's grace and wisdom as you share the Good News and rest in His goodness and strength as you carry on His purposes. □



## Did You Know???



Over the past years many have adopted the convenience of using PayPal to send their monthly offering. It gives the certainty your giving arrives each month in a timely fashion. We appreciate that thoughtfulness.

One thing you may not have considered is the loss to ministry funds that giving online creates. We get a lower percentage held out due to being tax exempt but over a month's time and many users it normally adds up to \$500-\$600 a month that PayPal keeps.

Please pray about adding a few dollars to your offering to help offset this loss. We understand everyone is hurting these days with the decline in our economy but we wanted you to be aware of this so that you might be able to help.

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Lord his God. After getting back his strength he inquired of the Lord. David asked God, shall I pursue the enemy? Shall I overtake them? God answered him and said "pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all." The rest is history. David and his men pursued the enemy and recovered all. Nothing of theirs was lacking either small or great. Everything that was taken from them was recovered.

The last two years we have suffered many things at the hand of the enemy. Some of those losses we will not get back until we get to Heaven but that does not mean we have lost them. I hear the Lord saying to us to not give up on our dreams and desires. Continue to pursue your God given dreams and watch God work. I believe we are about to receive double for our trouble. I hear God saying pursue and recover all. We are not going to lose this fight. I have read the book and in the end we win. ♥

## Narrative of Eight... continued from page 2

error and find yourself in an awkward situation, they will tell everyone of your weaknesses and expose you to ridicules. (Gen. 9:20-24)

### Absalom Group

They are very close to you. They are impatiently ambitious. They detest your rising profile. They secretly position themselves to hijack and cut off those who believe in you and win them over by saying that they are better than you. They say all things about you, as being unfair, insensitive, wicked and incompetent. (2 Sam. 15:1-6)

### Gehazi Group

They are excessively greedy and insatiable. They collect money behind your back. They ask for financial assistance and make people feel you are not taking good care of them. (2 Kings 5:20-24)

### Diotrephes Group

This is the most dangerous group. They have a voice and influence among the people. They can come up with fabricated stories that could destroy your image and position. They are highly territorial. They are the false accusers and forgers of lies. (3 John 1: 9-10) Remember, these groups of people are found everywhere: In Families, among Friends, Businesses, Offices, Work place and Churches.

### On the flip-side, do you belong to any of these groups?

If you do, kindly remove yourself from such groups because these groups are not decent but wicked people. You may find this very apt an iconoclast of the typology of the people we live with every day.

May the Lord God save us from the wicked in Jesus' mighty name, Amen! Shout a loud "Amen & Amen", somebody! ♥

## ANNOUNCEMENT: Church/Ministry Tax Date to Remember

Source: [Churchlawandtax.com](http://Churchlawandtax.com)

### Monthly requirements

If your church or organization reported withheld taxes of \$50,000 or less during the most recent lookback period (for 2022 the lookback period is July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021), then withheld payroll taxes are deposited monthly.

Monthly deposits are due by the 15th day of the following month. Note, however, that if withheld taxes are *less than* \$2,500 at the end of any calendar quarter (March 31, June 30, September 30, or December 31), the church or organization need not deposit the taxes.

Instead, it can pay the total withheld taxes directly to the IRS with its quarterly Form 941. Withheld taxes include federal income taxes withheld from employee wages, the employee's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes (7.65 percent of wages), and the employer's share of Social Security and Medicare taxes (an additional 7.65 percent of employee wages).

### May 16, 2022: File forms 990, 990-T, and 5578 Information return—Form 990



An annual information return (Form 990) for tax-exempt organizations is due by this date for tax year 2021. Form 990 summarizes revenue, expenses, and services rendered. Organizations exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code must report additional information on Schedule A.

**Note.** Churches, conventions and associations of churches, "integrated auxiliaries" of churches, and church-affiliated elementary and secondary schools are among the organizations that are exempt from this reporting requirement. Organizations not exempt from this reporting requirement must file the Form 990 if they normally have annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or more.