

## Small Group Study #4

### **Small Group Preparation and Discussion Coram Deo- Grace of the Son**

#### **Goals of Coram Deo Study**

- ❖ The Coram Deo Study has one main goal—to learn to live with God again. Three sub-goals act as supports. Think of a stool. Living with God is the top of the stool and the three truths below are the legs.
  - Learning about God from His own mouth.
  - Guarding ourselves and other from being ashamed of the gospel.
  - Be proud enough of God to defend Him intelligently in a skeptical culture.

#### **Preparation**

- ❖ The fourth lesson covers the grace of the Son. To prepare for this lesson please do the following:
  - Read the passage
  - Listen to the sermon on our website or SermonAudio while looking at the Bible study outline below. Take notes and figure out how you will guide the group to consider each aspect of sin.
  - Review the timeline below and determine how you want to tailor it to your group. The outline follows the order of events in each small group.

#### **Welcome and Worship [5-10 minutes]**

- ❖ Please review your fellowship manual for extensive details. Worship can be accomplished in many ways. You could read a Psalm. You could simply open with prayer. You could sing a hymn.
- ❖ Use your judgment. What kind of worship best sets the tone to connect people with the presence of God? Invoke Him into your midst.
- ❖ Possible Resources
  - Valley of Vision
  - Hymnal
  - The Psalms

#### **Bible Study [15-30 minutes]**

Below you will find the outline from the Coram Deo: Grace of the Son sermon with questions. Remember, you are not holding a seminary class. You are seeking to bring attention to a few aspects of God's holiness. The application is included, but don't focus on that yet. The sharing time is the best place to explore the implications.

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### Passage:

*“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—that, as it is written, “He who glories, let him glory in the LORD.””* (1 Corinthians 1:30–31, NKJV)

### Introduction

Father fills a treasury

### Topic

Treasures/ Graces

### Division

Personal Grace, Purchased Grace

### Personal Grace

- I. Verse 30, “...for us.”
  - A. Not saying, although lots of people reject, Him at least for us, He is wisdom.
  - B. You may believe, different, but for us...”
  - C. Saying, He was, created/ born/ came into being for us
- II. The emphasis is upon his personhood being perfectly suited for what we need.
  - A. Think of David and Goliath again
    1. God had made David perfectly suited to kill Goliath
      - a. Unimpressive so that God gains the credit.
      - b. Faith and Zeal for God’s honor
      - c. Experience with his sling shot in killing both (v.34) bears and lions.
    - B. Likewise, Jesus...
      1. Conceived by the Holy Spirit to be of man, but not inheriting sin or guilt.
      2. Holy Spirit above measure to perform tasks

### Purchased Grace

- I. Removal
  - A. Verse 30: Sanctification
    1. Not change in day to day behavior
    2. Cleansing from guilt.
  - B. Genesis 3- imputation of Adam
    1. Guilt
    2. Because guilty spiritual death and so bent to do evil
    3. Because of guilt separation from Father
  - C. Context of reconciliation
    1. The Guilt separates us from God and the resultant evil creates enmity
    2. To be reconciled the point of contention must be removed.
      - a. Person dropping off food
      - b. Couldn’t come into house because severely allergic of cats

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- c. Would have to sanctify or remove cats in order to dwell together again.
      - 3. God cannot come in and dwell with us until guilt removed.
    - D. The Removal in this case is accomplished by the deed receiving a just punishment
      - 1. When you see Jesus on the cross undergoing death, he is doing that for you, so that you can be reconciled to God the Father.
      - 2. Micah 3:3-5- take off filthy clothes
  - II. Recognition
    - A. Micah 3:3-5 not only takes off filthy clothes, but gives Joshua clean clothes and adorns him with precious jewels.
    - B. Likewise, we not only have guilt removed, but Jesus purchases righteousness for us.
      - 1. This is done by His life
        - a. Obey's all laws
          - a. Moral law
          - b. Law of mediator- even unto death
      - 2. Great imputation
        - a. Our unrighteousness to Him and so becomes sin and receives His imputed due
        - b. His righteousness to Us.
        - c. Olympics runs, doesn't knock over any hurdles.
          - a. Is executed
          - b. We receive the gold medal
  - III. Reclamation
    - A. Still on verse 30: redemption
    - B. To buy back
      - 1. God owns us in His debt
      - 2. Debt released by the purchase price.
        - a. Precious blood of Jesus
    - C. Reclaim all that was lost
      - 1. Fourfold Death
        - a. Relationship with God
          - a. No more shame and so no more fear
          - b. True self being re-built in God's image.
          - c. Learning how to be in human community
          - d. No eternal death
          - e. No death, but instantly in the presence of the Lord and reunited with perfect body upon the resurrection.

### **Conclusion:**

#### Personal Grace, Purchased Grace

- I. Suffering leads to mistrust of the Father, but look at the work of the Son to develop different hypothesis.
- II. Lack of full intimacy causes mistrust of the Son.
  - A. Gospel of John- I don't leave you as orphans, I am with you.

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- B. But we feel and are tempted to believe Jesus has left us as orphans.
- C. To fight against that temptation remember that grace of the Son.
  - 1. Everything about Him is for you...
  - 2. Made for you.
  - 3. Lived for you.
  - 4. Died for you.
- D. He is so focused on you, that Scripture equates us together as one flesh.
  - 1. <sup>11</sup> This is a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*.
  - 2. <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.
  - 3. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God.
  - 4. <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

### III. Lord's Supper

#### Sharing [15-30 Minutes]

1. What is the best gift you ever received? P.S. you can't say Jesus.
2. One statement above says that Jesus was created or made or came into being. That may be taken the wrong way. A more accurate description revolves around 3 verbs: First, the Son **took** upon himself human nature. Second, Jesus was **conceived**. Third, Jesus was **furnished** for His gracious office.
3. What are some examples of people being furnished for a particular task?
4. What are the 3 great imputations?
5. Do you know anyone that has made serious sacrifices for others? Compare and contrast those stories with the sacrifice of Jesus.
6. If Jesus is a treasure chest, then what treasures does he hold?
7. In our culture we say, "one man's trash is another man's treasure." Is this the case with Jesus' treasure? How is it viewed as trash in our culture?
8. How does the Lord's Supper illustrate the truths from this lesson?
9. Does Jesus quench your thirst and hunger?

#### Prayer Time [5-10 minutes]

Remember, all kinds of prayer requests may be taken, but keep a good balance. Make sure the emphasis falls on prayer for discovered needs relative to the Love of the Son. Are people unappreciate of the Jesus' gifts? Pray for them! Are they satisfied without Jesus? Pray! Do they want to enjoy Jesus, but find it very difficult? Pray!

#### Socialize [Up to you]

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This is a time to be intentional in your relationships. God has placed you in a leadership position of some sort. Take it seriously!