

## Captured by Grace Part 7 - Walking in the Power of God's Vital Grace

**The Main Idea: To know that in addition to God's 'legal grace', we also are empowered with God's 'vital grace'.**

Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age... to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

### Legal Grace and Vital Grace

Vital grace is God's Empowering grace that enables us, by the indwelling Holy Spirit, to do the good works that He has appointed for us to do with great power and humility.

*Galatians 2:20*

*1 Corinthians 15:9-10*

Remember: There's a difference between good works and dead works

- **Good works:** what you do as a result of knowing you're loved and accepted.
- **Dead works:** what you do to earn God's love and acceptance.

### Walking in the Power of God's Vital Grace:

#### 1. Expect the POWER of grace in your daily life.

Galatians 5:22-23

1. Be Spirit Minded – Rom. 8:5-6
2. Live by the Spirit Gal. 5:25
3. Be Led by the Spirit Gal. 5:18
3. Be Filled with the Spirit – Eph. 5:18
4. Walk in the Spirit – Gal. 5:16

#### 2. Embrace the PROCESS that grace unleashes.

This is a process of becoming in practice who you already are by position in Christ.

2 Corinthians 3:18

#### 3. Enjoy the PLACE IN LIFE that trust and obedience brings you to.

New Covenant Obedience: 1. Is not a duty but a delight, 2 Is not to a law but to a person.

Romans 6:17

Grace moves us from If/Then to Since/Therefore

**There are two reasons why I love to obey God.** One is **gratitude**, and the other is **wisdom**. There is wisdom in walking according to God's ways of doing life!

**Conclusion:** 2 Peter 1:3-4

Don't be captured by man-centered religion, don't be captured by performance based Christianity, don't be captured by spiritual lack, don't be captured by condemnation and judgment, don't be captured by legalism and unworthiness... It's time to be captured by grace.