

Seven Steps To Revival – Volume 1

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— Study Note Outline —

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The Goal Is Love

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I. The Righteous Requirement = Love (Rom. 8:3–4)

Matt. 22:35–40; Rom. 13:8–10; Gal. 5:14

- A. The new commandment (John 13:34–35)
- B. The purpose of the commandment = *love* (1 Tim. 1:5–6 NASB)
All else is idle talk/fruitless discussion
- C. Evidence of new birth (1 Pet. 1:22–23)
- D. Evidence of knowing God (1 John 4:7–8)

II. Faith Without Works

- A. Is dead (James 2:26)—works are the result of faith
- B. The work that faith produces is *love* (Gal. 5:6)
Therefore faith without love is dead
- C. Spiritual gifts, etc., without love, are *nothing* (1 Cor. 13:1–3)
 - 1. Love first (1 Cor. 14:1)
 - 2. Then spiritual gifts

III. How Love Comes

- A. By the Holy Spirit—outpoured (Rom. 5:5)
- B. By keeping God's Word—outworked (1 John 2:5; 2 Peter 1:5–7)
- C. Fear vs. love (1 John 4:18)

Can you believe for perfect love?

What It Means To Love God

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I. The Love God Looks For (John 14:21–24)

- A. Motivation for obedience
- B. Expressed by obedience
Obedience is progressive, e.g. the tongue

1. No more unclean speech
 2. No more criticism (Rom. 14:4)
 3. No more negatives (unbelief)
 4. Yes, yes and No, no (Matt. 6:37)
- C. But all the time our faith is counted for righteousness (Rom. 4:3)
- II. God's Love Is Jealous**
- A. No other gods (Deut. 5:8–9)
 - B. Tolerates no rivals (Luke 14:25–26)
 - C. No reservations (Luke 14:33)
 - D. No second option (Mark 10:17–22)
To be loved by Jesus is frightening
 - E. The one who loves God is known by God (1 Cor. 8:1–3)

Self-Humbling 4373

- I. Pride Vs. Humility**
- A. Self-humbling is the primary requirement for prayer for revival (2 Chron. 7:14)
 - B. Pride is the original sin
 1. Arose from wisdom and beauty (Ezek. 28:11–17)
 2. Led to rebellion—as in our contemporary culture
 - C. Pride is the main barrier between God and us
 1. Remedy: humble ourselves—as we respond to the Holy Spirit
 2. God will not do it for us
 - D. Humility is expressed by the way we act (Luke 14:7–10)
 - E. A law of the universe (Luke 14:11)
 - F. Exemplified by Jesus—contrast Lucifer (Phil. 2:5–11)
- II. Practical Application**
- A. Confess our sins (Prov. 28:13)
 - B. God only forgives the sins we confess (1 John 1:9)
 1. Confession to God requires *vertical* self-humbling (James 5:16)
 2. Confession to one another requires *horizontal* self-humbling
 - C. How can we know what to confess?
 1. No morbid introspection—guilt vs. conviction
 2. God alone searches the heart (Jer. 17:9–10)
 3. Our appropriate response (Ps. 139:23–24)

Grace vs. Law 4374

- I. How Can A Man Be Righteous Before God? – Job's Question (Job 9:2)**
- A. God's answer (Rom. 1:16–17)
 1. Righteousness is from God by faith (Phil. 3:8–9)

- 2. The outworking of this righteousness (Phil. 3:10–11)
- B. The alternative: legalism
 - 1. The number one problem of the church
 - 2. Paul’s reaction to legalism (Gal. 1:5–6)
 - 3. Contrast Paul’s reaction to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 1:4–9)
- C. The carnal nature
 - 1. Motivation: “To be like God”—but *independent of God* (Gen. 3:5)
 - 2. Our carnal nature can never please God (Rom. 8:8)
- D. God has ruled out achieving righteousness by rules (Rom. 3:20, 22–28)
The first step: stop working (Rom. 4:1–5)

II. The Only Alternative To Rules

- A. Be led by the Spirit—i.e., dependent (Rom. 8:14)
- B. Two mutually exclusive alternatives (Rom. 6:14; Gal. 5:18)
- C. The Word of God and the Holy Spirit—Piano and Pianist
- D. The Holy Spirit will:
 - 1. Direct you to God’s Word
 - 2. Interpret God’s Word (compare 2 Pet. 1:20; 2 Tim. 3:16)
 - 3. Show you how to apply God’s Word
- E. The Holy Spirit will *never*:
 - 1. Lead you to do anything contrary to Scripture
 - 2. Lead you to do anything unholy
- F. Map or personal guide?

III. Legalism

- A. Two functions of law
 - 1. To define and restrain evil—to set boundaries (Gal. 3:19)
 - 2. To enable people to live together, e.g., traffic laws
But laws cannot make people good
- B. Church/denominational rules
 - 1. You should respect and obey rules, *but* they do not make you righteous
 - 2. Most church rules do not deal with real, basic issues; e.g., Beatitudes in Matthew 5
 - a. Poor in spirit (v. 3)
 - b. Meek (v. 5)
 - c. Hunger and thirst for righteousness (v. 6)
 - d. Merciful (v. 7)
 - e. Pure in heart (v. 8)
 - f. Peacemakers (v. 9)
- C. Relying on church rules will
 - a. Promote self-righteousness and pride (compare Luke 18:10–14)
 - b. Distract you from the really important issues (Matt. 23:23)
 - c. Separate you from Christians who follow different rules

IV. Grace: The Alternative

- A. Law and grace are mutually exclusive (Rom. 6:14)
- B. By grace through faith (Eph. 2:8–10)
 - 1. Faith is a *gift* from God
 - 2. Not by works—we cannot earn it

- C. Faith and works
 - 1. Faith without works is dead (James 2:26)
 - 2. Faith comes first, then works
 - 3. Works are the result of faith
- D. The primary work of faith is love (Gal. 5:6)
Faith without love is *dead*

V. Operation And Effects Of Grace

- A. God's grace with me (1 Cor. 15:10)—a power working with Paul
- B. God's grace is always sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9–10)
- C. Only grace can produce the results described in Eph. 1:3–6—our being saved is to glorify God's grace
- D. God's grace is rich and inexhaustible (Eph. 1:7)
- E. Three supernatural effects of God's grace (Eph. 2:4–7):
 - 1. Made alive
 - 2. Resurrected
 - 3. EnthronedNo law can ever do these three things
- F. We are to be an eternal demonstration of God's grace to the entire universe (Eph. 3:9–10)

Law (rules) confines us to the level of human ability.

Grace lifts us above the level of human ability.

Only grace makes it possible to live the Christian life.