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As I See It. . . . By Brian Gregory

We all like something free don't we? Free gifts are great and exciting when they are good. However, we often dismiss things that are free thinking they are not worthy of our time and cannot be that great because they are free. God has an awesome free gift called grace.

Grace is more than a free gift bestowed on man by God. Grace is a gift that we can and should extend to our fellow citizens, neighbors, brethren, and especially our own family. I admit there have been times when my words toward the ones I love most have been anything but gracious, and there have been times when I've had to gather the family around and say, "I'm sorry." In Colossians 4, Paul has been discussing relationships and then says . Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how to answer every man" (Col. 4:5).

In the heat of the moment when your heart is flooded with emotions, instead of speaking unkindly to the one you love and thinking to yourself that your words for that person were provoked and deserved, remember what Paul just said.

Pause and think of a way to return kindness for unkindness--that's why they call it grace!

Brian

Some thoughts by Neil Riche

Who Needs A Doctor?....By Joe Macer

Mark 2:17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Jesus was often criticized by his actions. Most everything he did caused someone to question him. In this account, Jesus was at the home of Levi (Matthew). Levi was a tax collector and he had invited other tax collectors as well as some other people simply described by onlookers as sinners. Jesus sat down to eat with them. Many thought if Jesus was the Son of God and a righteous man then he would not spend his time in company of sinners. The Lord knew their thoughts and responded with great wisdom. Jesus was the great physician. He came to fix the human problem of sin. For this reason, he would go where the sinners would be found. Physically if a person is sick then they seek the help of a doctor. If they are physically fit then they do not need a doctor. Jesus made himself available to those who needed his help. He is the one who could convert sinners into righteous people.

When thinking about someone to share the gospel message with, where do you look? All people sin. The Bible declares that all sin and fall short of the glory of God. Do we think some are too evil for the gospel? Do we think some are too far gone for the gospel? Are we only looking for the good, decent people? The gospel is for all. Jesus offered salvation to any and everyone who would listen. Our eyes must be opened to all people. How exciting to witness a Saul become a Paul or a sorcerer stop his deceiving and start serving Christ. Levi became an apostle of Jesus Christ and devoted the remainder of his days to proclaiming the gospel. Jesus can change lives. Let's give everyone the opportunity for salvation.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: SOUTH GATE MEMBERS

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SYMPATHY: Our deepest sympathy is extended to Robin Weaver and her family in the death of her mother, Karina Pierce whose funeral was Thursday.

Sympathy to Benny Bolton & family in death of aunt Bertie Pantall, whose funeral was today.

WORSHIP LEADERS JUNE 22, 2014

SUNDAY 9:00 A.M

Welcome.....Dennis Thomason
 Song Leader.....Kevin Mick
 Prayer.....Tim Raines
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Tyler Brown
 Serving:
 Tommy Hight Jonathan Macer
 Danny Lasater John Massey
 Mike Lyle Benny Bolton
 James Bolton Ed Johnson
 Read 2 Timothy 2:2.....Jerry Wilson
 Sermon: A Work In Progress.....Brian Gregory
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Randy Jones

SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.

Welcome/Song Leader.....Joe Macer
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Read: Esther 7:1-6.....David Morgan
 Sermon: "The Strong Faith of a Woman".....John Thomas
 Lord's Supper Presiding.....Ed Hargrove
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Dennis Thomason

OUR VBS KICKOFF PARTY WILL BEGIN FOLLOWING EVENING WORSHIP. PLEASE SEE THE SIGN-UP SHEETS IN THE FOYER IF YOU CAN HELP WITH FOOD FOR THE KICKOFF OR SNACKS FOR THE WEEK.

Ushers: Ryan Massey, Jason Kelley, Jerry Barber

Greeters: Donnie & Sharon Davis, Lori Lee, Rosemary Macer

Audio/Visual: Jim Pollard

Security Team: A.M. Jerry Williams, Jesse Gilliam P.M. Jason Kelley, Benny Bolton

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2014 (VBS)

NURSERY CARE

A.M.....Linda Lasater, Linda Mabry
 P.M.....Lori Lee, Cheryl Thornton

Song LeaderBlair Keeling
 Speaker:.....Lane Widdik
 Prayer.....Greg Lusk
 Announcements.....Brian Gregory