

Faith Expels Guilt, Greed, and Fear John Piper

The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (1 Timothy 1:5)

Faith in God's grace expels from the heart the sinful powers that hinder love.

If we feel *guilty*, we tend to wallow in self-centered depression and self-pity, unable to see, let alone care about anyone else's need. Or we play the hypocrite to cover our guilt, and so destroy all sincerity in relationships. Or we talk about other people's faults to minimize the guilt of our own.

It's the same with *fear*. If we feel fearful, we tend not to approach a stranger at church who might need a word of welcome and encouragement. Or we may reject frontier missions for our lives, because it sounds too dangerous. Or we may waste money on excessive insurance, or get swallowed up in all manner of little phobias that make us preoccupied with ourselves and blind us to the needs of others.

If we are *greedy*, we may spend money on luxuries — money that ought to go to

the spread of the gospel. We don't undertake anything risky, lest our precious possessions and our financial future be jeopardized. We focus on things instead of people, or see people as resources for our material advantage.

Faith in future grace produces love by pushing guilt and fear and greed out of the heart.

It pushes out *guilt* because it holds fast to the hope that the death of Christ is sufficient to secure acquittal and righteousness now and forever (Hebrews 10:14).

It pushes out *fear* because it banks on the promise, "Fear not, for I am with you. . . . I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

And it pushes out *greed* because it is confident that Christ is greater wealth than all the world can offer (Matthew 13:44).

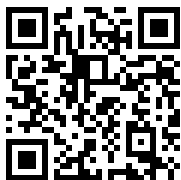
In every case the glory of Christ is magnified when we are more satisfied with his future grace than we are with the promises of sin.

Events

TODAY

Fellowship Picnic 7 PM
7/15-7/21 Youth Missions
Trip to DC
7/20 7th-8th Grade Book
Study 7 PM
8/5 Emmanuel Church
Constituting Service
Winston-Salem 6 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



GRACE
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Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm



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Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Stephen Byrd
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Matthew 20:1-19, page 825

Offertory

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

“Jesus sinners does receive:” word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!
Naught like this can comfort give:
“Jesus sinners does receive,” naught like this can comfort give!

On God’s grace we have no claim, yet to us His pledge is given;
He hath sworn by His own name, open are the gates of heaven.
Take to heart this word and live:
“Jesus sinners does receive,” take to heart this word and live!

When a helpless lamb doth stray, after it, the Shepherd pressing
thro’ each dark and dangerous way, brings it back, His own possessing.
Jesus seeks thee, O believe: “Jesus sinners does receive,”
Jesus seeks thee, O believe! Jesus seeks thee, O believe!

Oh, how blest it is to know: were as scarlet my transgression,
It shall be as white as snow, by Thy blood and bitter passion;
For these words I now believe: “Jesus sinners does receive,”
For these words I now believe!

Now my conscience is at peace, from the Law I stand acquitted;
Christ hath purchased my release, and my every sin remitted.
Naught remains my soul to grieve: “Jesus sinners does receive,”
Naught remains my soul to grieve! Naught remains my soul to grieve!
“Jesus sinners does receive:” word of surest consolation;
Word all sorrow to relieve, word of pardon, peace, salvation!

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Preparatory

I Boast No More

No more my God, I boast no more of all the duties I have done
I quit the hopes I held before to trust the merits of Thy Son.

(Chorus) No more my God, no more my God, no more my God, I boast no more.

Now, for the loss I bear His name, what was my gain I count my loss;
My former pride I call my shame, and nail my glory to His cross. **(Chorus)**

Yes, and I must and will esteem all things but loss for Jesus' sake;
O may my soul be found in Him, and of His righteousness partake! **(Chorus)**

The best obedience of my hands dares not appear before Thy throne;
But faith can answer Thy demands, by pleading what my Lord has done.

(Chorus)
(repeat chorus)

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Sermon

Pastor Gary Hendrix

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Fortner

Opening Hymn

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone, my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this Solid Ground; firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace; when fears are stilled, when strivings
cease.

My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand!

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless Babel!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
’Til on that cross as Jesus died; the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live!

There in the ground His body lay. Light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ!

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me;
from life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny!
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand;
’til He returns or calls me home; here in the power of Christ I’ll stand!

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Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 15, page 266

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#141 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Preparatory

#710 I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston