

**What Makes Grace, Grace? — Part 3**  
“Values Come Shining Through”  
Various Scripture

**I. The Church values biblical preaching.**

**2 Timothy 4:1** I solemnly charge *you* in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season *and* out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction. <sup>3</sup>For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but *wanting* to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away their ears from the truth and will turn aside to myths.

**Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding *in the matter* for which I sent it.

**Acts 6:4** "But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word."

**II. The church values a missionary mentality internally.**

comfort mentality vs. missionary mentality

**1 Corinthians 9:19** For though I am free from all *men*, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I may win more. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, so that I might win Jews; to those who are under the Law, as under the Law though not being myself under the Law, so that I might win those who are under the Law; <sup>21</sup>to those who are without law, as without law, though not being without the law of God but under the law of Christ, so that I might win those who are without law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak; I have become all things to all men, so that I may by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do all things for the sake of the gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it.

How do you become all things to all men?

1. You could adopt the appearance.
2. You could adopt the culture (to an extent).

**Galatians 2:11** But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For prior to the coming of certain men from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he *began* to withdraw and hold himself aloof, fearing the party of the circumcision. <sup>13</sup>The rest of the Jews joined him in hypocrisy, with the result that even Barnabas was carried away by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in the presence of all, "If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles and not like the Jews, how *is it that* you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

3. You could show that you care about and love them enough to give up things you want for their sake.

**Romans 12:10** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.

**Philippians 2:3** Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; <sup>4</sup>do not *merely* look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

- a. Give up control
- b. Give up being upfront
- c. Give up your preferred worship style

<sup>24</sup>Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but *only* one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games exercises self-control in all things. They then *do it* to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>Therefore I run in such a way, as not without aim; I box in such a way, as not beating the air; <sup>27</sup>but I discipline my body and make it my slave, so that, after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified.

### III. The Church values discipleship.

**Ephesians 4:13** Until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup>but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all *aspects* into Him who is the head, *even* Christ.

### IV. The Church values a missionary mentality externally.

**Acts 1:8** "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

### V. The Church values its ministry team.

Things churches do to hurt their pastors:

1. Overwhelming expectations in terms of how perfect they must be
2. Overwhelming expectations in terms of how much they are expected to do
3. Resistance to leadership/conflict
4. Abuse/criticism

**Hebrews 13:17** Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be

unprofitable for you.

5. Underpaid

**1 Timothy 5:17** The elders who rule well are to be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching.

6. The Pastor's wife is hurt and undervalued.

**VI. The church values commitment.**

A. Regular attenders

**Hebrews 10:25** Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

B. Regular servers

**1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

C. Regular givers

**1 Corinthians 16:2** On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come.