

Gospel of God's Grace and His Kingdom

Insights and Reflections

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Preface

This book was originally inspired by Paul's farewell address to the Ephesian elders on his way to Jerusalem (Acts 20:24-27).

Ac 20:24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to *the gospel of God's grace*.

Ac 20:25 “Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about *preaching the kingdom* will ever see me again.

Ac 20:26 Therefore, I declare to you today that I am innocent of the blood of all men.

Ac 20:27 For I have not hesitated to *proclaim to you the whole will of God*.

Here Paul refers to the gospel he received from Jesus as the gospel of God's grace and “preaching the kingdom”. He also equates these with “the whole will of God”. How is the gospel of God's grace and of the Kingdom “the whole will of God”?

So the book addresses three questions:

1. What is God's grace?
2. How is grace connected to the kingdom?
3. How is the gospel of God's grace and of the Kingdom “the whole will of God”?

First, however, we briefly explore the nature of God – the God of grace – based on the Bible, other reading, and personal insights. Four volumes of mediated messages received about 100 years ago, now published under the title, *True Gospel Revealed Anew by Jesus*, that complement the Bible are drawn on in specific instances.

The danger of false or misunderstood grace is also looked at, as is Paul's dramatic awakening to grace.

Part Three deals with specific aspects of the gospel of grace. It examines in several chapters the new birth and what this process entails, how the Holy Spirit works in our lives, what is becoming our relationship with the Father, Jesus, the Christ, and the Spirit.

Part Four further expands on the nature and working of the Holy Spirit, the vital player in the transformation process which imparts Divine Love and substance to human souls.

The last part shows how each of us can avail ourselves of God's lavish offer of abundant grace that will place us on the path to salvation, being born again or from above, and achieving our destiny which is an incredible future in God's Celestial Kingdom for all eternity. Example prayers for God's Divine Love – the key element on the journey to salvation are included, both from the Bible and elsewhere.

The book is to some extent a collection of independent writings and reflections on the theme. Therefore each chapter can stand on its own and there may be some overlap and repetition. There is however, also flow and continuity.

Readers are encouraged to consider what is presented, some of which may be new to them, decide for themselves if it resonates and then act accordingly.

“To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

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PART I – WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

Nature of God

This chapter draws on the Bible and another source of revelation that I have come to appreciate, *True Gospel Revealed Again by Jesus*, as far as exploring the nature of God.

God is Soul, composed of His greatest attribute, Divine Love, which is His very nature and essence, followed by mercy, goodness, power, omniscience, and will (1 John 4:8, 16⁽¹⁾; Psalm 116:12; Deut. 4:31; Eph. 2:4-5⁽²⁾). The mind, so much worshipped by humankind, is only one aspect of His Being. God as Soul is far more than the sum of all His attributes.

God's attributes radiate from His great Soul and flood the universe. So, when people say they live and have their being in God (Acts 17:28), they are technically in error, but they do live and have their being in the divine attributes that emanate from God and that He has placed in their human soul. God has a place in the Celestial Heavens, but His attributes are everywhere and fill the whole universe, or multiple universes that scientists postulate might exist. The earth is a tiny portion of the entire universe. Even the "heaven" or spirit world where humans go when they die is a subset of the entirety of Creation (Psalm 47:8⁽³⁾; 53:2; 139:7-13⁽⁴⁾)

Although God has no form or shape such as He gives to humans on incarnation, nor a spirit body such as that manifested by humans after their physical death, God does possess a Soul form. However, He cannot be seen with the physical or spiritual sight, but can only be perceived with the soul's eyes opened by the influence of the Divine Love. God's form, or its divine attributes, becomes more clearly perceptible to the human soul as it comes into a closer rapport with God. This happens as a result of its development and transformation through the Divine Love (Matt. 5:8; John 3:3; 1 John 3:1-2 ⁽⁵⁾).

While God is Soul, alone and unique in its oneness, and while He has no material or spirit body, He has personality – divine personality manifesting His Love, kindness and solicitude for all His creatures. God is a God of Love, above all else. He is not a God of hatred, nor does He chastise His children in wrath or anger. His love is for all humanity, be they saints or sinners, and no one suffers punishment because the Father wants them to suffer. He is a God of mercy and forgiveness, and will forgive the sins of those who in sincerity ask Him (Isa. 55:7⁽⁶⁾).

God, then, is not a cold intellect, an abstract mind, or an indifferent and unfeeling force, but rather a personal, warm and loving Father / Mother, eager for the happiness of His children, regardless of their race, colour or creed. The real truth and understanding of God is beyond the

comprehension of the finite mind, and can only be accepted as a realization of an existing truth by means of faith.

No one has ever seen God, for God cannot be seen as described in some of the Bible stories. God generally works through His angels (Heb. 1:14), rather than directly. So His angels and messengers were seen, spoke to the prophets, and represented themselves as angels of God. Jesus was God's chosen son to do the work of redeeming the earth from sin, and came as his Father's representative. He never was God, nor did he claim to be (Mark 10:17-18).

No man has heard the voice of God, for He has no voice. The "voice of God" that spoke to the disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, and to John and those at Jesus' baptism, was actually the voice of one of God's highest angels. Other than communicating through angels or inspired writings, God works in a silent, mysterious way, through communication from His Soul to human souls.

Through His ministering angels, God seeks to turn His children to Him and have them keep in harmony with His laws in developing their natural love, or obtain at-onement with Him through the inflowing of His Divine Love into their souls in response to their earnest prayers. A person can become at-one with the Father to the extent that His Love abounds in their soul. This was what Jesus prayed for in one of his last prayers on earth (John 17:20-23).

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