

A FINAL WORD ON THE GRACE OF GOD

GALATIANS 6:18

I. WHAT THIS BOOK OF THE BIBLE AFFIRMS IS THAT THE GOSPEL IS ESSENTIALLY THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF GOD'S GRACE

- A. I Could Make This Announcement In Almost Any Pulpit Within Christendom And Hardly Anyone Would Even Blink An Eye
 - 1. Because The Doctrine Of God's Grace Is Rarely Understood As It Actually Appears In Scripture
 - 2. Because As Long As Bible Words Like *Gospel* & *Grace* Are Used In Vague & General Ways, Then It Becomes Easy For Nearly Anyone To Assent
 - a. I'm Not Talking About People Who Have Never Seen A Bible Or Who Have Never Heard Of Jesus Christ
 - b. I'm Talking About People Who Would Describe Themselves As "Devoted To God" And Who Would Even Call Themselves Christians
- B. It Is No Accident That Paul Stood As Exhibit A Of The Kind Of Thinking That Misunderstands The Grace Of God

II. WHAT THIS BOOK OF THE BIBLE AFFIRMS IS THAT THE GRACE OF GOD IS NOT ABOUT GOD GIVING MAN SOMETHING TO DO AND THEN CONGRATULATING HIM FOR GOOD WORK

- A. The Grace Of God "*Gives*" (1:4)
- B. The Grace Of God Can Be Canceled Out By Human Effort (2:21)
- C. The Grace Of God, As A Principle, Can Be Abandoned By Professing Christians (5:4)
- D. The Grace Of God Is Foundational For Life (6:18)