



## The Grace Divergence Part 1: Christus Victor

The Gospel of Grace has been restored back to the Church.

From its **complete** revelation through the Apostle Paul in the New Testament, it has been less than two thousand years since the Gospel of Grace had been lost (or preached only in segments at the very greatest) until the last couple of decades, where men filled with the Holy Spirit were quickened to see this fathom truth through the New Testament and the boldness to preach it forth completely.

Now that the masterpiece of the Gospel of Grace is back in the center place of the Church, Satan's tactic is not to try to lock it up again, but to try to make it powerless.

History repeats itself: We saw this in the Apostle Paul's day as the Gospel of Grace spread throughout a Mediterranean world influenced by Greek philosophy. Many people found a lot to like about the Gospel of Grace yet maintained many humanistic Greek ideas. The various doctrines these people would establish are known today as Gnosticism.

The main focus of Gnosticism was not to fully negate the finished work of Christ but to try to **progress** it. In other words, Satan used Gnosticism to try to make the Gospel of Grace powerless by coming alongside of it and negate some form of the finished work Christ and His humanity and calling it a "greater revelation" than what the Apostle Paul had given. Toward the end of the first century, it became clear by the fruit that Gnosticism was simply a divergence of the truth.

Jesus said by the fruit you will eventually see which is the truth. Likewise, as the "Christian" Gnostics in Paul's day, today there is a circle of believers that are successfully making the Gospel of Grace powerless - powerless in the sense that the so called "Grace" they believe for will not produce any fruit in one's life. I call this **the Grace Divergence**.

As the Apostle John in the First Epistle of John contended for the faith, I believe it is my mandate as preacher of the Gospel of Grace to contend for the faith (as commended by the Lord in Scripture) and to call out this evil divergence. Understand that the reason I do this to care for the believers in Christ – the Church.

The snare comes when someone suggests that as long as they believe in Jesus, that's all that matters. The questions is, which sacrificial Lamb do you believe in? Just as in the days Cain and Abel brought the sacrifices to the Lord, and the Lord chose the one that pleased Him; so will the Lord Himself choose which accurately represents Him. (Will the true Lamb, please stand up?!)

Within those that have been enlightened to see and believe in the Gospel of Grace, there is a prominent dangerous doctrines that I will call out in this article.

The false doctrine states that Jesus at the cross became sin yet did not receive the judgement, condemnation, and curse due by the Law for sin. This doctrine is known as *Christus Victor*.

**Exodus 12:7-9**

And they shall take some of the blood and put *it* on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it. <sup>8</sup>Then they shall eat the flesh on that night; roasted in fire, with unleavened bread and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted in fire—its head with its legs and its entrails.

Common ground is the blood of Jesus was shed for the forgiveness of all sins – past, present, future. But when it comes to the flesh, are you partaking of it raw, boiled or roasted?

The Passover Lamb was to be eaten **roasted** in fire. We all can agree that *fire* in the Old Testament is a type of judgment, condemnation and curse of death. Just as the Passover Lamb was roasted with the fire, so was the Son of Man at the cross receiving our condemnation, judgment, and curse of death for sin as the **complete** offering for sin as God's Lamb.

However, by not believing that Jesus took all judgement, condemnation, and curse of death for sin is like partaking of a raw Lamb or even boiled to the greatest extent.

Those that believe in this false doctrine argue that the Father didn't judge sin in the body of Jesus because that would make Him a tyrant and not a loving Father. They argue that Jesus only received punishment by human hands but not punishment from God because that would make Him a dysfunctional Father. They argue that Jesus received the curse of death but was not condemned by God because that would make Him a judge. Yet in all these they say they are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus, not knowing that in order for the righteousness of God to become effective, the demands of the Law had to be fulfilled completely by a propitiation out of pure love – one for the exchange of an expiatory sacrifice; a Father who loved you so to the point of giving up and punishing His only Son for you.

A man of God says it like this:

- The penalty of man's treason must be met by God if man is saved; in other words, God must assume the liabilities of man's awful treason. – **E.W. Kenyan**

Disbelieving that Jesus took all judgement, condemnation, and curse for all sin in His body, means that as long as you disbelieve that Jesus satisfied the claims of the Law in His body in your place, your heart will see to it that it continue to run its full course upon you. Only when you see it upon the body of another by faith, will your spiritual heart be fully at rest and begin to generate by that same faith the benefits of the Gospel of Grace towards you. This is especially true in the area of healing and health of the soul and body. (By His bruise we were healed).

Believers in Christ, I commend you to test the spirit of every teaching, ask for wisdom and the spirit of revelation to discern, and the humility to continue in the true Grace of God.

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