

# **A HOUSE THAT GRACE BUILT**

## **Chapter 9: The Doorway of Redemption**

### **FILTER OF REDEMPTION**

- **The call to love others is not based on human activity, but on the activity and movements of God's love**
- **Therefore, we must truly grasp God's method and purpose of redemption and love in order to be able to give it to others**
- **To the extent that we have received and lived in redemption and freedom is the level that we can offer it.**

## **HOLINESS**

- **God's holiness – separation**
- **The necessity of His holiness**
- **How God desires to make us holy**
- **Why our holiness is God's priority**

## **LOVE**

- **Holiness by itself can be overwhelming, but God's holiness is balanced with love**
- **God's love refers to His affection towards us – not emotionally driven, but action-oriented.**
- **God's love never negates the nature of His holiness. God's love and holiness mix together to create a holy desire for our well-being.**
- **It is God's priority – His most important desire to love us by making us holy**



## A CHOICE

- God's love and holiness are driven by a choice-based system.
- God doesn't force holiness because love imposes nothing through coercion or force, but allows everything to be contained by freedom.
- Example of Adam and Eve
- Choices allow for love to respond, and also allows for wrong choices to occur
- Giving freedom to choose does not negate the reality of consequences

## REDEMPTION'S WORK

- God was motivated by both holiness in love in choosing to redeem broken mankind
- The Person of Jesus Christ was the prescribed remedy- but prior to His arrival a "process" was put into place to provide the forgiveness of sins.
- The temporary pictures of the temple and blood sacrifice all pointed to the picture of His blood sacrifice

## OLD VERSUS NEW

- **Animal sacrifices represented a purification process**
- **The animal sacrifice rightfully prepared represented the pouring out of God's wrath against the sin itself.**
- **God's willingness to allow a substitutionary animal to bear that punishment reflected His mercy and grace towards people.**
- **However, those animal sacrifices atoned for the sin only temporarily, merely pointing to the final and complete solution.**

## HEBREWS 10

<sup>1</sup> The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. <sup>2</sup> If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared.

<sup>3</sup> But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. <sup>4</sup> For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. <sup>5</sup> That is why, when Christ<sup>[a]</sup> came into the world, he said to God,

"You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings.  
But you have given me a body to offer.

<sup>6</sup> You were not pleased with burnt offerings  
or other offerings for sin.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God—  
as is written about me in the Scriptures.'"<sup>[b]</sup>



## HEBREWS 10

<sup>8</sup> First, Christ said, “You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them” (though they are required by the law of Moses). <sup>9</sup> Then he said, “Look, I have come to do your will.” He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. <sup>10</sup> For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

<sup>11</sup> Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. <sup>12</sup> But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God’s right hand. <sup>13</sup> There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.

## HEBREWS 10

<sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says,

<sup>16</sup> “This is the new covenant I will make  
with my people on that day,<sup>[c]</sup> says the LORD:  
I will put my laws in their hearts,  
and I will write them on their minds.”<sup>[d]</sup>



## **RIDDING RELIGION**

- **Jesus came to end the system of religion (temple,law) that had been in place up to that point.**
- **Jesus teaching on grace was radical – totally offended the religious structure and seemed to contradict the traditions, rules and practices of that time.**
- **Rather than act as a judge or law enforcer, Jesus Christ came to love and save the human race.**

## **THE NEW HIGH PRIEST**

- **The ministry of Jesus Christ would replace the position in the temple of the High Priest in a literal sense.**
- **While He came to be Savior, He also came as the new High Priest.**
- **He came to inwardly write holiness and righteousness onto us ("law written on their heart.")"**

## APPLYING GRACE

- From the moment Jesus declared on the cross “It is Finished” – the obligation of the law was met through grace.
- Humans couldn’t gain holiness by “doing”, performing” or outwardly “pleasing” the law.
- Rather, grace spoke forgiveness, purity, holiness, worthiness, acceptance and love into our heart based on what Christ did for us.
- As recipients of the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ – we now walk by grace, not by the behavioral obligations of the law.
- Legally our debts have been fully paid and fully justified. We no more need to live by effort than we need to slaughter a lamb or enter into a physical temple with a physical high priest to access forgiveness.

## WHAT’S GRACE?

- Grace contains the very power and holiness of God.
- Grace makes up for what is lacking in us, and brings to wholeness that which is broken. The very essence of its nature – is that it is undeserving.
- Grace-based living therefore contradicts the entire system of trying to attain holiness by living through effort.



## **FAULTY LAW-BASED SYSTEM**

- **“To do” lists for God**
- **Thinking He’s pleased by something we do**
- **Thinking He wants our righteousness and holiness brought to Him**
- **Many of us will discover that we have many “law-based (shame-based) systems in place right now. This happens when we perceive our relationships as an obligation to fulfill, a duty to prescribe, a task to accomplish, a rule to follow or some other form of behavioral expectation that will fix or deal with a need.**

## **TRANSFERRING SYSTEMS**

**Moving away from a law-based system of effort to a grace-based system happens as we depend on Jesus for our righteousness. It requires some basic motions:**

- **We stop looking towards ourselves or our own effort to please God or anyone**
- **We look entirely to the work of Jesus and His sufficiency to do things for us.**
- **We turn ourselves over to God – so we can**



## ATTAINING HOLINESS

- We won't ever recognize our spiritual need for holiness until we stand in the light of God's holiness.
- God's holiness will convict us, but draw us to Him – creating in us a thirst for righteousness that we understand will only be obtained through Him. It will be followed by a deep and profound sense of repentance.
- An example of the awareness of God's holiness is found in the book of Isaiah. Isaiah actually encountered the glory of God. God's presence allowed His sin and darkness to be revealed.
- "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." - Isaiah 6:5

## ATTAINING HOLINESS

- The activity and movement of holiness are not found in outward conduct, but the continually motions of awareness, conviction and repentance.
- Holiness removes the obstacles that break us and cause the preciousness of who we are to be destroyed. It also gives us the eyes to see God in the fullness of His glory and experience deep intimacy with God. Therefore, it enables us to live out our God-given purpose and calling.
- "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me." (Isaiah 6:8)
- We must never underestimate how God will use us in the condition of truly being able to access Him in holiness

## ENCOUNTERING GOD

- Have you?
- Have you seen His holiness?
- Have you seen your inability and impurity?
- Have you truly repented in brokenness, or hid in shame, or tried to overcome on your own
- Have you truly put on the robe and rested