

Rightly Dividing Discipleship

Distinguishing Discipleship between Law and Grace

Understanding Discipleship in Relationship to Christ's Earthly Ministry

Introduction

I. What is a Disciple?

- A. A teacher (didaskalos) teaches (didaskō).
A student of a teacher is taught (didaskō, with passive voice).
- B. A disciple (mathatās) learns (manthanō)

II. What were the requirements to be a disciple of Jesus during His earthly ministry?

- A. A Jewish male who tried to learn the things Jesus taught by his own ability.
- B. The disciple had to follow Jesus. Matt 8:18-22.
- C. The disciple had to accept suffering because of the stigma of Jesus. Matt 10:24-25.
- D. The disciple had to decide to "hate" his family and even his own (emotional) life. Luke 14:26.

III. What was the curriculum of a disciple during Jesus' earthly ministry.

- A. He learned about two kingdoms.
- B. The twelve preached both kingdoms. Matt 10:5-8.

IV. What did disciples of Jesus believe about Him?

- A. The 'Gospel Era' gospel for salvation. John 8:24.
- B. What men of Caesarea-Philippi, said about the Son of Man. Matt 16:13,14.
- C. What the men of John 6 said about Jesus. John 6:14,15.

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The Change of Discipleship

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An exegetical method of Biblical interpretation will result in distinctions.

I. Anticipation of Transition from Discipleship under Law to Discipleship under Grace

A. A Change of Message. Matt 16:21-23.

B. A Change of Freedom. John 8:30-36.

C. A Change of Commandment. John 13:34,35.

D. A Change of Ability. John 15:7-8.

II. Execution of the Transition from Law Discipleship to Grace Discipleship Matt 28:18-20.

A. Disciple all Nations. I Cor 15:3-4.

B. Baptize the Ones who are discipled. (presupposes 'making disciples' equals salvation)

C. Teach Christ's commandments. John 13:34,35.

III. The Result of the Discipleship Transition

A. The Number of Disciples

B. The Location of the Disciples

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The Grace Disciple's Curriculum

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The first thing to be learned is THE GOSPEL of 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, by means of BELIEVING it! After one enters God's family by the new birth, THEN he can learn to grow in this family. II Peter 3:18.

I. Learn who you are as a Grace Believer.

- A. Saint (one set apart). Phil 1:1, Col 1:2.
- B. Child of God (born-one by means of the new birth. Christ in you). Romans 8:16
- C. Sons of God (mature and privileged ones by means of Holy-Spirit baptism. You in Christ). Gal 3:27-28.
- D. Believer (a believing one). Acts 5:14.
- E. Saved ones. Acts 2:47, I Cor 1:18.

II. Learn your Resources as a Grace Disciple.

- A. Eternal Life (Christ in you). I Cor 6:17, I John 5:11-12
- B. Resurrection Life (You in Christ). Col 3:1
- C. Combining Eternal Life and Resurrection Life resulting in Practice. Col 1:27

III. Learn your Directives as a Grace Disciple.

- A. Christ's directives for the believer's daily life. II Peter 1:3
 - 1. Grow in grace. II Peter 3:18
 - 2. Love one another. John 13:34-35.
- B. Christ's Directives to believers about lost mankind.
 - 1. God's salvation provision is sufficient for all men. John 3:16.

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2. God **desires** all men to be saved. I Tim 2:2.

3. God has **determined** to take out of the nations a people for His Name. Acts
15:14

4. Grace disciples need to know the simple salvation message. Rom 1:16, I Cor
15, 3-4.

5. Grace disciples need to be ready to ready always... I Peter 3:15.

Conclusion