

# Suffering Wrongfully

## Grace defined by Christ

In our last study we defined grace using *Luke 6:27-36*.

### *Love Your Enemies*

*(Matt. 5:38- 48; 7:12)*

*27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,*

*28 Bless them that curse you, and pray for them which despitefully use you.*

*29 And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.*

*30 Give to every man that asketh of thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again.*

*31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.*

*32 For if ye love them which love you, what **thank (g5485 – grace)** have ye? for sinners also love those that love them.*

*33 And if ye do good to them which do good to you, what **thank (g5485 – grace)** have ye? for sinners also do even the same.*

*34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what **thank (g5485 – grace)** have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again.*

*35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

*36 Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful.*

## Peter also defines grace

*1 Peter 2*

*18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.*

*19 For this is **thankworthy (g5485 grace)** if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.*

*20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is **acceptable (g5485)** with God.*

*21 **For even hereunto were ye called** : because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:*

22 *Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:*

23 *Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:*

24 *Who his own self bare (g0399-carried) our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

25 *For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.*

## Instruction of Peace

Isaiah 53

1 *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?*

2 *For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a **root out of a dry ground**: he hath no form or comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*

3 *He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.*

4 *Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.*

Matthew 8

14 *And when Jesus was come into Peter's house, he saw his wife's mother laid, and sick of a fever.*

15 *And he touched her hand, and the fever left her: and she arose, and ministered unto them.*

16 *When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick:*

17 ***That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.***

5 *But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement (h4148 – instruction) of our **peace** was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.*

6 *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.*

**On the cross, Christ portrayed the effects of the “old man”, the abomination of desolation. The guilt we carry, as seen in the crown of thorns, and the wounds we have received from others, as seen in the stripes on His back. If we understand the cross correctly it is the**

instruction that brings peace to the soul. We can lay down our guilt and forgive others when the old man dies.

## He Breathed on Them

*John 20*

*19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.*

*20 And when he had so said, he showed unto them his hands and his side. Then were the disciples glad, when they saw the Lord.*

*21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.*

*22 And when he had said this, **he breathed on them**, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:*

*23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.*

*Romans 6*

*14 For **sin shall not have dominion over you**: for ye are not under (governed by) the law, but under (governed by) grace.*