

Experience SURE Multiplication

Only recorded ser of Paul
– the written ¼ of NT –
central message – Christ
Acts 13:34

34 The fact that God raised
him from the dead, never to
decay, is stated in these words:
"I will give you the **holy** and
sure blessings promised to
David."

Becos of res of Christ –
sure and certain blessings -
what

What are some of the
uncommon blessings?
Abundance in the midst of
famine

Psalms 37:19

Promises that are **certain**
– not just a wish – **kids**
CNY

Remembers when as **kids** –
told to speak only positive, esp
CNY – know – only a wish

Why are we **sure &**
certain of the blessings?

I. The Blessings are
SURE because they are
not based on Law but
grace

Acts 13:39

39 Through **Him** everyone who
believes is **justified** from
everything you could **not** be
justified from by the **law** of
Moses.

Was Paul undermining the
law of Moses when he
mentioned we cannot be
made right with God thru
it?

Some **upset** Paul – Christ
end of the law – not
undermine – **uphold** – but
ack our **LIMITATION**
Upset w **doc**

How many upset w doc – he says
that cancer incurable? He just ack
the limitation of the medical
expertise of the day

Same way – Paul not – undermine
law – in fact uphold it - absolutely
holy and perfect
– just ack – we can't fully obey –
being born in sin

The thinking that we can overcome
sins with our own strength springs from
a false conception of sin, the conception
that sin is a **small** matter, easily taken
care of by some good works. The fact is
that so **vicious** is sin that **only** the
sacrifice of Christ could atone for sin. ...

What good are the works of all men,
and all the pains of the martyrs, in
comparison with the pains of the Son of
God dying on the Cross? Did the Law
ever love me? Did the Law ever
sacrifice itself for me? Did the Law ever
die for me? ...

*Luther's Commentary on the Book of Galatians, as
translated by Theodore Graebner, Zondervan
Publishing House.*

**The Mosaic Law tells us where we
are wrong but does not by itself give
us the **power** to overcome sin.**

Debt – walk up

Like going to a person in **debt** -
Thou shall not in debt

Grace – receive supernatural
release

You got to **walk up** this building
If you able body – fine – what if
you are a cripple

Grace says – here is the lift

Gal 3:27

27 For as many of you as were
baptized into Christ have put
on (clothed with) Christ. NKJV

What does it meant o be
clothed with Christ?

To "put on Christ" may be understood
in two ways: According to the Law and
according to the Gospel. According to
the **LAW** means to follow the **example**
of Christ.

But Christ didn't come to give
us more laws – already perfect

To put on Christ according to the
GOSPEL means to **clothe** oneself
with the **righteousness, power, life,**
and **Spirit** of Christ.

With this change of garments a **new
birth, a new life** stirs **in us**. New
affections toward God **spring up in
the heart**. New **determinations**
affect our will. All this is to put on
Christ according to the Gospel. Luther

**Grace changes us from inside
out**

**Law - cannot CHANGE
HEART – man adultery**

*A man can don't commit adultery
but not because of love*

*Out of fear – no opportunity – no
money*

What happen when we are
under grace and not under
law?

Romans 6:14

For sin shall not have dominion
over you, for you are not under law
but under grace.

**Peo afraid - Under grace –
enc sin – reality sin no power**

Law: change – I will accept you
**Grace: receive acceptance – exp
power to change**

Ezekiel 36:27

I will put My Spirit within you and
cause you to walk in My statutes, and
you will keep My judgments and do
them.

**In grace - do – more than
reqd of law!**

Obey – not even conscious

*Touched by grace, we obey the
spirit of the law without even
conscious of it.*

**Never teach peo give – tithe
– as a law**

*Yet peo are giving – more than
10%*

*Pas – how can I exp love for my
wife? Expect: 7 keys:*

**Grace frees us from a
judgmental spirit that robs**

Focus on law – makes us
judgmental and critical

What are some of the small little
things that we can be very
critical?

Colossians 2:15-19

16 Therefore do not let anyone **judge** you
by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a
religious festival, a New Moon celebration or
a Sabbath day.

18 ... Such a person goes into great
detail about what he has seen, and his
unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle
notions.

**Discern reli spirit – focus on
minors – cannot this that – tail**

**Cannot use ang pow – Sunday –
Christmas - Yeshua**

Some say – pagan origin

*True, but just becos pagan used and
abused a day that God created – it
doesn't mean it cannot be redeemed*

*Just as angpow – now use to channel
blessings and sp of generosity*

What happen when we major in the
minor?

19 He has **lost** connection with the Head,
from whom the whole body, supported and
held together by its ligaments and muscle,
grows as God causes it to grow.

Focus on law – robs

Themselves and others

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and
to kill, and to destroy: I am come that
they might have life, and that they might
have it more abundantly. KJV

Perissos: exceeding abundantly over and
above, more than is necessary,
extraordinary, surpassing, uncommon,
extreme, excessive, superabundant (in
quantity) or superior (in quality).

Thayer and Strong Greek Dictionaries.

Who thief?

Context: John 9:16

*Jesus spat (dung gate) – go wash –
pool of Siloam - throw out - Sabbath.*

*Legalistic peo – **always upset** – when
peo of grace blessed – they don't und
why*

*Who **THIEF**? Not Dracula so
spectacular – very subtle – like the
Pharisees*

*Number **ONE** thief – reli spirit –
judgmental*

Used to think – any ch – as long – believe in Jesus – God

– Pharisees also believe in God – d also believe – BUT what **pict** – what **word**

What **taught** – rob **blessings or can INC**

Sickness or health

Grace frees us from fear

Why does God not want us to fear him?

Law brings fear – never sure of salvation

Of the works of law – under a curse ...

Pas visit church members – no response – Rev 3 20 Gen 3 10

Rev 3 20 – Walk away

Same Sun - Genesis 3:10

I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself."

God does **NOT** want us to fear him!

What you fear – you eventually **hate!**

Hope none of my staff fear me

Hope none of your kids fear you

Luke 4:8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

Taken from

Cf. Deuteronomy 6:13 Fear the LORD your God, serve him only and take your oaths in his name.

Grace frees us from our limitations

People say – will – way

When there is a will, there is a way

The **will** - can **carry** – **while** →**exhausted** – like trying pull down group of **balloons** in water - tired - soon

I am going – **diet** – stop **smoking**

A man tried to give up smoking

Can't – went to preacher – cried.

Don't try – you **can't** but Jesus **can** – caught the **Rev** – lost the **taste** of cigarette

No sermon against smoking – chimney

make nose pointing down – not chimney – go heaven – go faster

Yet people – woke up – desire for smoking gone – had the **real** things

Preach **MORE** against fear – guilt – worry – anxieties – than so called 'big' sins

Fearful – anxious – do more wrong and silly things

Guilt – sin more – eg pure white table cloth – you will make sure – eat properly

Don't Confuse stress w worry

Jesus: don't worry but didn't say – there will no stress

In fact, ...

Stress can be positive: babies

Famine – Sp force survival sch

Stress inoculation – as reported by Dr Any Morgan Yale Medical sch

One orchard thrive – least water - Adversities – oport

Like **vaccines**, a small challenge or dose of a virus in your system prepares and defends you against a bigger challenge

Mock prisoner of war **camp** – guard towers – razor shrp wire fences, concrete cells – metal cages – even fake crosses

Stimulate **hell** on earth – Hanoi hilton – nazi conc camp

Frighten you and wear w sleep deprivation, blaring music, starvation, interroge – typical 3rd world style

Heart rate **170** beats a minute – even not exercising – stress **hormone** cut off immune sys – **body** breaks down – **feed** on itself – average lost **22 lbs**

Sp force – release diff amt of chemical in brain call

neuropeptide Y – regular pressure and heart beats – natural tranquilizer

DiPietro, John Hopkin Uni – infant dev – wo under moderate stress – mid term to late preg – end up – babies – adv brain dev

Stress – indused inc of heart rate – stimulate baby's cell – creative in thinking

How can stress be destructive?

Stress – destructive – handled wrongly:

Stress **hormone** turn off immune sys – **body** breaks down

– **feed** on itself – 20 lbs 10 days – army sp forces survival training course

Research done by WebMD on dealing with stress:

Steven J. Wolin, MD, clinical professor of psychiatry at George Washington University

A most destructive character in dealing with stress: **SELF-focus**

Why is self focus destructive?

Self centred peo see and take things personally

Peo survive natural disaster recover more quickly than those that survive attacks directed at them personally

Hence, **GRACE** message – take away from self focus to **Christ** focus

Resilient people are not: Those who are **not** stressed when times are bad.

Fact – real world - stressful situation normal

Some think working in ch – always peaceful ...

You don't run – up the mt – everytime you feel stress – cant take breaks **all the time**

At times – **OK take medicine** – if you body cant take the pressures

Even Paul - Little wine – side effect? Taiwan

Those **trained** in stress management. Those that make **concrete** plans for handling crisis

Not about knowing: 17 laws of success – 19 winning attitudes

Resilient people are:

Those that know that stressful situations do happen but are not overwhelmed by worries, anxieties, anger, guilt or depression.

Recog bad things do happen to good people

What are some of the feelings we should not be overcome with?

Anger, guilt, depression

Like financial prob – kids – even Adam Hence, rev of **GRACE** power key to handle stress

They are positive, have **confidence** and faith.

Research – even monkeys

Baboons –

happen to see water holes as half full instead of half empty – healthier

grace: learn to give thanks for what we already have

They develop **bonds** with **responsible** helpful people that support them to stand pain and disappointment.

Again – not law – but a person

Bond – cell group

Greatest bond: presence – know God is in **control**

You know that everything is under God's **control**

Experiment – 2 rats in a cage

– locked to a running wheel – one rat free to run, the other **YOKED** to first

First rat's brain – growth of neuron cells

2nd rat - lost brain cell – lost in the rat race - Key **feel** lost control

Know God is in control – **peace** – **INC** Things may be out of your control but it is not out of **God's** control

Ps 4:1-2

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer. KJV

Key – **resting** in Christ

John 6:10-11

10 Jesus said, "Make the people to **recline**." There was plenty of grass in that place. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave **thanks**, and distributed to those **reclining** as much as they **desired**. He did the same with the fish. LITV

So you see - living in

grace – helps face stress

What then – **PURPOSE** of law

Galatians 3:19

19 What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come.

Any country

Any country – world – need proper set of laws

Protect lives and maintain order

The Law reveals guilt, fills the conscience with terror, and drives men to despair and lead them to Christ. *Luther*