

Reigning in Life thru Super Abounding Grace

Last days – greatest terror
Isa 43:1-3

Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. NIV

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Fear is normal – key – **CAST care**

Peace – His **PRESENCE** – keeps and guards **Headline** – unless – move on in life

Read the headlines – don't want to be ignorant – but not the fine print - unless

Not be full of care – not mean **careless**

Do possible – he does impossible

MOH doing right thing – quarantine – 3500 yrs ago ...
Leviticus 13

3 The priest is to examine ... if it is an infectious ... disease ... (NIV) 4 ... the priest shall quarantine him for seven days. TLB

Washing of hand – black plagues

Man I have great FAITH – don't need self quarantine

Fact – you feel OK – others don't – **consideration - respect concern** – babies at home

1 Corinthians 8:9

9 Be careful, however, that the exercise of your freedom does not become a stumbling block to the weak.

Ch careful – you feel safe – kids are save – 21 boy ...

Just got back – sit open area – not enclosed area like an air-cond room

If cough – not H1N1 - mask – sit by side – 21 yr son

Quarantined? – opport to rest
Temp check – hand wash: **Not** to keep peo out – but to keep peo from fear

yellow light – kills germs
Keep your body healthy
Watch diet – lots of Vit C and Garlic
Exercise – fresh air – Environment of faith

Famous Taiwan doc invited by Singapore Govt recently- **NOT**

Bible – not a book on sci or nutrition but rel with God
But when it touches on sci or nutri – accurate! **EXAMPLE**

Leviticus 3:17
'This shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall eat neither fat nor blood.'

Pas – we not under the **LAW?**
True ... – not bondage

True – not under law – it not affect your intimacy with God – will draw you closer!

Once a while indulge OK – but don't reach limit – where our health and immune sys compromised

The Right Vision that enables us to Reign

WHY net – when nets? Used to think

Used to think – prob: have a sm pict of God – many do have big pict – even non Christian reli

But sm pict of what God **WANTS** to do – only 2 boats filled - if 10 boats

Reason: feel unworthy – in weaknesses and sins

Depart from me – sinful man
We kings and priests – lamb slain

Receive what he deserves!
Key to the miracle – heard about Jesus – wo flow 12 yrs

What kind of pict? Definitely not – from law

Wont be allow into
Context: 4 lowered man down the roof

Her sins – uncleanness not disqualify
cannot stop blessings of God – Lev 15 unclean for life

OT – if clean touches unclean → unclean

The law(Torah) – disqualifies
Grace – qualifies

Romans 5:17

17 For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in **LIFE** through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Not just after life – this life, not just "this" but have "life"

Zoe – always – **phy** life, **fullness**, life in it's **ORIGINAL** form, what it **should** be – **LXX** – **Adam** – dust – dirty

Wonder why **Adam** live so long – **1000**

It took d 1000 yrs to kill him
Don't **know what** death is – how to die – no precedent

Try best – don't know how
Today – expect diseases reach certain age

John G Lake
Bubonic plaque in South Africa
Only one dare to bury the death
Waiting for him to die

Reporters ask why?
Living according to a different set of laws - Law of Romans

Doctors decide to do experiment. Put germs on his hand. To their amazement, the germs die on touching his hand.

Rom 8:2

2 For the law of the Spirit of **LIFE** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. (NKJV)

Because you belong to Christ, the power of the **LIFE** giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin and death. JY

Key – reign – in life?

I. Learn how to receive

Come – not to give – receive!
RLC always talks about giving - If you stay long enough

If you receive well, you will be the greatest giver!

We love becous he first loved us!

Why is it difficult to receive?

This is a real prob – esp – **Eastern culture** – don't know **how** to receive

Visit home - Would you like to eat this - hungry – you really need it

Western bro – thank you

Told to say – no lah

Western – take it back – thinking you on **diet**

Took it back – **angry**

Not sensitive – should have ask one more time

No lah, take lah, ok lah – **girl?**

Girl? boy – go for a date - no lah – boy didn't ask again – you say what a dumb boy – angry – if he only ask one more time – I go

Learn – best when given – thank you

Thank you for being sensitive

Don't say – not lah – not worthy lah – cross **KID**

Just imagine at the cross – It's finished

Jesus: **Receive** the Holy Spirit - blessings

No lah – not worthy lah

Just imagine – friend give your kid a give

Oh Don't – don't waste What a way to build self image in a boy

Poor boy – told he is a waste – by own dad – **Judas**

2. Receive God's Superabundant grace

MOST ch not against grace but abundant grace

Oh yes, saved by grace – move on to law(Torah) – holy Rom 1:16-17

16 I have complete confidence in the gospel; it is God's **POWER** to save all who believe, first the Jews and also the Gentiles. 17 For the gospel reveals how God puts people right with himself: it is through faith **from beginning to END**. As the scripture says, "The person who is put right with God through faith shall live." TEV

D attack most

The teaching on gift of righteousness and the abundant provision of grace of God

Why are there so much opposition to the teaching of the gift of righteousness and God's abundant provision of grace?

D don't mind you focus on law(Torah) and on him Wo bound 18 yrs in Luke 13

Focus on law – put her in bondage 18 yrs

D don't mind – going sessions on deli

– seminars after seminars on d

Focus on him – he happy – but not on Christ

Key to reign – thru One man – light

Dark room – need light – just bind the darkness – **KINGDOM KEYS**

Some of the most difficult passages to expound:

Romans 5:20

20a The law(Torah) was added so that the trespass might increase. NIV

How to interpret this difficult passage?

The law came so that our sin nature may be made manifest, making it clear and apparent. JY

We have seen – one of the purposes of the law – show us where we are

Point us to Christ

How many – test **chlorine** – fish tanks?

Just as deadly

Drop liquid – if turn bright orange yellow - know presence of high content of chlorine

Not created by the tester – already there – made manifest

20b But where sin abounded, grace superabounds! JY

This – difficult phrase – sin abounded – give impression – enc sins

Paul can almost hear the peo of Rome writing **emails** Romans 6:1-2

1 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

You can **NEVER** over preach grace

MARTIN Lloyd Jones

– if peo don't criticize you for preaching grace – you are not preaching the type of grace Paul is preaching

Been receiving such letters – encouraged – show preaching grace the way Paul preaches

2 By no means! We died to sin; **how can** we live in it any longer? It shouldn't

There will always be people that abuse grace – may be - **0.1 - WILL**

God respects – will – not robots

Always be peo like that – anywhere –

Just as peo will abuse \$ anywhere – do you throw away all your money?

Bible: **MORE**

Law focus **MORE!** Arouse sins, power of sin - law

Romans 7:5;

5 For when we were controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions **aroused** by the law (Torah) were at work in our bodies, so that we bore fruit for death.

1 Corinthians 15:56

56 ...power of sin is the law.

Dynamic

Why don't you speak against such sin?

Why add, 0.1 when 99% have diff needs - **GUTS**

What does it mean "where sins abounded"?

Where sins abounded 5:20 – it didn't say – enc sins – where – **ALREADY**

Don't have to enc – already there Don't have to **LOOK** for sin -

Honest – tend to sin – wake up – some even bef

Born in sin – **baby** tend to misbehave

– center of universe, cry – giants run – care of me, may be giants, cry and call – run to me

Some never grow up – controlling - Sarai

Notice – it didn't say – grace abounds – sin abounds but ... why?

Queuing up – scream – ignore – flesh flesh – devour – **whistle** – react sui chai → happy! Ignore – confused!

If peo gossip – you gossip them – you stoop down to their level!

Grace is the **KEY** to turn things around

Rom 6:14

14 For sin shall not have dominion (master) over you, for you are not under law but under grace. NKJV

What does the genealogy of Jesus teach us?

One of the most amazing pict of grace – the very genealogy of Jesus Matt 1:3-6

3 Judah begot Perez and Zerah by **Tamar**, Perez begot Hezron, and Hezron begot Ram.

5 Salmon begot Boaz by **Rahab**, Boaz begot Obed by **Ruth**, Obed begot Jesse,6 and Jesse begot David the king. David the king begot Solomon by **her** who had been the wife of Uriah. NKJV

Of 4 wo mentioned in Matt 1 – expect – Rachael, Rebecca or Sarah

Only three women are mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus

We expect Holy Spirit would mention great women of God like Rachael, Rebecca, or Sarah

We have our daughters name after them

Yet God didn't list them among the ancestors of Jesus

3 Tamar - 5 Rahab – Ruth

non remain as they were after they were touched by grace

Tamar – slept with father in law - Judah

prostitute

Ruth - Moabite – eldest son of Lot – child of incest – cursed – hired Balaam - cursed

Bathsheba – Uriah's wife

By implication

Not condone sins – huge cost – child die

Recog reality – **WHERE** – real world – sins infected

With **abundant** grace - God able to use – imperf people in imperf situation

Making d really ...

Read number of AUTOBIOGRAPHIES –

Amazing so many – have such a colourful past with a few exception – like Eric Little

George Muller – Bro Andrew

George Muller – cheat –
drunken from young – even
when studying theology
Fed 10,000 orphans live till
90 over years

Perfect? No perfect situation?
No – yet God's grace

If you kids rebellious – you
got hope – fill them with **vision**
How should we read
autobiographies of great
men and women of God?

So when **reading** ...
Draw **prin** – don't **FOLL**
everything – otherwise **fear**

HUDSON Taylor;
Livingston: Kids even died –
non threatening disease – like
TB Typhoid

JIM Elliot – killed by head
hunder

Today – diff **season** –
situation

Better medical knowledge
– **greater** rev – divine
healing and prosperity

Beginning – missions dare
not **ASK indirectly - books**

Eventually got to write books
– regarding their min –
resources poured in

Can't **run** away from
teaching giving

When they do - **sacri** (not
good to enjoy blessings) → key
to **blessings (OK** to enjoy the
blessings of God) → out of
grace

NOT that the previous rev are
WRONG – but ch discovering
deeper rev of same truth –
progressive rev

Billy Graham – fire - love
Last day church – not a
defeated – struggling –
surviving ch – glorious

Haggai 2:9

9 'The glory of this present house will
be greater than the glory of the former
house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And
in this place I will grant peace and
prosperity,' declares the LORD
Almighty."

God is raising glorious ch all over –
NCC - If in Singapore – go **NCC**,
many come to RLC – JP call them to
our church