

A Reaction To The "Grace Gospel"

Jeremiah 9:24 tells us that there are three things we should understand and know, "...that I am the Lord who exercises LOVINGKINDNESS, JUSTICE and RIGHTEOUSNESS on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord." Hebrews 13:8, on the other hand, says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." This means that God remains loving and kind but also righteous and just - today and forever!

Because of the idea of "grace" many Christians today believe that God will only be loving and kind, kasi Jesus took care of His requirement for justice and righteousness. Someone who believes in the "grace gospel" one time rebuked me and said that the foundation of what I teach is wrong. Kasi para sa akin my responsibilities before God is to just always be intimate and obedient, and that is enough. He told me that obedience is not necessary anymore because the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross has paid even for the sins we will still do in the future.

I told that friend that though grace is offered to all, grace is not given to all. Because 1 Peter 5:5 says grace is only given to the humble. Who then are the humble? They are those who show their love for God through their obedience, this is according to John 14:15. Matthew 7:21 even says that not everyone who calls Jesus Lord will enter the kingdom of heaven, only those who will do His Father's will (which is what you said in your message above). Romans 14:12 supports this by saying that, "...each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

I feel many Christians today forfeit God's blessing by believing that accepting Jesus as Savior will assure them of heaven in spite of whatever they do after. And that obedience is optional. Matthew 6:33 says that before God can add all good things to us, we should seek His kingdom, this means we should acknowledge Him as King, by doing what He wants. Then if He is really our King then we should seek His righteousness as well, which means obeying His commandments and following His ways. And as your disciple said, these are the people God will bless and protect.