



Sermon Notes: The Grace-Driven Life

1. Imperatives for the grace-driven life.

2. Impediments to the grace-driven life.

3. Inspiration for the grace-driven life.

4. Instigation and invigoration for the grace-driven life.



Gospel Applications: The Grace-Driven Life

1. The Gospel is not "I obey, therefore I am accepted." It is, "I am accepted, therefore I obey." How do you see this truth illustrated in this text? How is this different than how much of the contemporary Church views the Gospel?
2. If we're saved by grace alone through faith alone, then why does holiness matter?
3. What are some characteristic desires/passions/lusts of our former way of thinking as unbelievers? Where do you see the contemporary Church still living out of these old desires? Where are you still living out of these old desires?
4. Practically, what are some ways you can "gird up your mind" and prepare it for action?
5. Of the four "inspirations" (motivations) listed in this text, which do you personally find to be most compelling? The least? Explain.
6. Choose one of the imperatives from this text to focus on with this next set of questions. [Maybe select the one you struggle with most.]
 - How do the world's ways of thinking about this impede obedience in this area?
 - What desires/lusts of the world impede obedience in this area?
 - How do the vices listed in 2:1 impede obedience in this area?
 - What would it look like to practice obedience to this command, while motivated by love? By the fear of the Lord and the reality of a final judgment? By gratitude for all Christ has done for you? By delight in the surpassing goodness of God?
 - What specific bondage do you need to be ransomed from in order to obey in this area? How has Christ done that for you?
 - How does the Word nourish you with grace and empower you for this aspect of obedience?
7. What's a confusing or difficult decision you're facing right now? What decision/response would be most in line with, and motivated by, the Gospel? How does grace-driven living clarify your response?
8. What one specific thing will you do in response to the message this week?