



Entrusted with the Gospel



What We Have Been Entrusted With

- ▶ The **law** of God is the "**what**"; the **grace** of God is the "**how**". The **law** of God **reveals sin**; the **grace** of God **forgives sin**. The **law** of God **indicates** man's **problem**; the **grace** of God **provides** God's **remedy**. The **law** of God demands **performance** by **man**; the **grace** of God offers **provision** from **God**. The **law** of God is the **standard**; the **grace** of God is the **means**. The **law** of God is the spiritual **measuring rod** that **evaluates** lives; the **grace** of God is the **nurturing resource** that **produces** spiritual life. The **law** of God **tells** us of the **character** of God; the **grace** of God **reproduces** that **character** in us. The **law** of God is the **effect** God wants to **see**; the **grace** of God is the **cause** that **brings forth** that effect.

Introduction



- Do people care what we know if we don't show we care?
- Do family members care what we know if we don't show we care?
- Do others see Jesus in us?
- Share what you have in a way lives are turned towards Christ
- Being a Good Salesman requires a good demonstration of what is being sold
- How can we convince someone of the truth of the Gospel if we don't live the truth of the Gospel?



Powerful and Affirming Ministry

- ▶ **Ministering the Gospel**

- ▶ [1Th 1:1-5 KJV] 1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians [which is] in God the Father and [in] the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace [be] unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; 3 Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father; 4 Knowing, brethren beloved, your election of God. **5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.**

- ▶ We are add to our faith virtue, to our virtue knowledge, to our knowledge temperance, to our temperance, patience, to our patience, godliness, to our godliness, brotherly kindness, and to our brotherly kindness love

- ▶ [2Pe 1:10 KJV] 10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:



Powerful and Affirming Ministry

- ▶ **Receiving the Gospel**

- ▶ [1Th 1:6-10 KJV] 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: 7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. 8 For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing. 9 For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God; 10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, [even] Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.



God-Pleasing Ministry

- ▶ **Bold and Effective Examples**

- ▶ [1Th 2:1-4 KJV] 1 For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: 2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention. 3 For our exhortation [was] not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile: 4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.



God-Pleasing Ministry

- ▶ **Doing Good Not Evil**

- ▶ [1Th 2:5-6 KJV] 5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God [is] witness: 6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor [yet] of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.



Nurturing Ministry

- **Caring for New Christians**

- [1Th 2:7-10 KJV] 7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children: 8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. 9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. 10 Ye [are] witnesses, and God [also], how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:



Nurturing Ministry

- ▶ **Behaving Like Good Fathers**

- ▶ [1Th 2:11-12 KJV] 11 As ye know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father [doth] his children, 12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.