

*The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O
God, you will not despise.*

Psalm 51:17





ONCE
BROKEN,
CONSIDERED
GOLD

*God's Empowering Grace
in Our Brokenness*

THE DISINFORMATION OF GRACE

The Persuasion Against Brokenness



*A Fallacy that
Disempowers You
from Living in
the Power of
God's Grace*

DIEMPOWERING GRACE

- *Keeping the Bullet Underneath A Healing Entry Wound*

	<i>EMPOWERING</i> GRACE	<i>DIEMPOWERING</i> GRACE
	<i>Key Teachings</i>	
GRACE OF GOD IS....	BOTH Forgiveness and Fulfillment	Forgiveness
SALVATION OF GOD IS....	BOTH Justification & Sanctification	Justification
ROLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS....	Conviction <i>(Sensitive to Sin)</i>	Condemnation <i>(Desensitised to Sin)</i>
REPENTANCE TO GOD IS....	Emphasized <i>(Maximised)</i>	Undermined <i>(Minimised)</i>

DISEMPOWERING GRACE

- Keeping the Bullet Underneath A Healing Entry Wound

	<i>EMPOWERING</i> GRACE	<i>DISEMPOWERING</i> GRACE
	<i>Key Outcomes</i>	
DISCIPLESHIP IN GOD IS....	Life of Self-Denial	Life of Self-Fulfillment
KEY OUTCOME OF SPIRITUALITY....	Walk in the Spirit <i>(Lawfulness)</i>	Walk in the Flesh <i>(Licentiousness)</i>
POSTURE OF HEART LIKELY TO BE....	Contrite & Brokenness	Carnal & Hardened
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD IS....	Sustained & Vibrant	Disrupted & Diminished

THE DISPLAY OF GRACE

The Portrayal of Brokenness



*The Faithful
Work of Grace
in the Broken
Heart of A King
(Psalm 51)*

'Grace is necessary' to know the truth, avoid sin, act well, pray fittingly, desire salvation, begin to have faith and persevere in faith.'

Thomas C. Oden, The Transforming Power of Grace.



'Brokenness, in His eyes, is to be broken, crushed, and torn in spirit over sin.'

Anna Wishart



*'Against you, and you only
have I sinned.'*

Psalm 51:4



'Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.'

Psalm 51:5-6



*'Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your
presence, and take not your Holy
Spirit from me. Restore to me the
joy of your salvation, and uphold me
with a willing spirit.'*
Psalm 51:10-12



THE DISRUPTION OF GRACE

The Peril in the Absence of



*The Fatal
Consequence of
the Hardened
Heart
(Mark 7-8, Matt 16)*

*Blessed is the one who fears
the Lord always, but
whoever hardens his heart will
fall into calamity.*

Prov 28:14 (ESV)



Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?” (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness . All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Mark 7:19-23

And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember?

Mark 8:17-18 (ESV)



THE DISCIPLINESHIP OF GRACE

The Performance of Brokenness



*The Faith
Discipline of Self-
Denial from the
Broken Heart*

*(Matthew 16:24,
Mark 8:34)*

Our biggest problem is not that we live with flawed people who bring trouble our way. Our great difficulty is not that we live in a fallen world where temptation tends to greet us around every corner. The big issue for us is not that we live in a world that isn't operating the way God intended, as a result of which we face difficulty, disease, suffering, loss and grief. No, our big difficulty is that sin still resides in our hearts. It still distorts our thoughts and redirects our desires.

Paul David Tripp (New Morning Mercies)

The less-than-perfect people, the temptations around us, and the broken world in which we live are problems for us because we have this problem in our hearts. It is humbling, but it is important to remember that it is only ever the sin inside us that hooks us to the sin outside of us. So what we need most is not a change of location or relationship, but a fundamental rescue of heart, and that is exactly what God's grace in the person of the Holy Spirit provides for us.

Paul David Tripp (New Morning Mercies)

‘Sin doesn’t always look sinful to us; sometimes it looks beautiful. That’s why we need grace to see sin for what it is - dark, dangerous, enslaving and destructive.’

Paul David Tripp



“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Matthew 16:24



Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

Matt 16:13-17

*“The Lord is close to the broken-hearted
and saves those who are crushed in
spirit”*

Psalm 34:8



THE DISCIPLE OF GRACE

The Person in Brokenness



*The
Formidable
Life of
Brokenness in
the Apostle Paul
(1 Cor 15:9-10)*

'For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace that was with me.' - 1 Cor 15:9-10



GRACE AWAKENING

Brokenness *IS THE*
Breakthrough!



*The
Formation of
our Hearts in the
Power of His
Grace*