

GRACE COMMUNION CHURCH

# CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR

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and  
Become a Blessing*

# WHY IS CHRISTIAN BEHAVIOUR NECESSARY?

- It shows that God is working in us and we are participating with God.
- It reveals that our faith is alive in us.
- We are living in a manner that is good for us.
- It show we are acknowledging God in our lives, without which we are denying God.
- To help others see God's light in us and glorify God in heaven.

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# A Dilemma ?!

- Do we lose salvation if we do not have good works / behaviour?
- If it does, then our works contributes to our salvation.
- Then, Christ's work is incomplete.
- Salvation is not entirely of God's grace.

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# NATURE OF OUR SALVATION

- Redemption
- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Adoption
- Justification
- Ransom
- Rest
- Abundant Life
- Enslaved – Redeemed
- Guilt – Forgiveness
- Alienation - Reconciliation
- Rejection – Adoption
- Sinner – Justification
- Robbed of Freedom – Ransom
- Weary / Tired – Rest
- Death – Abundant Life

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# WHY DO WE EXPERIENCE / FEEL THIS WAY?

- God created us “in His image” – ability to relate to Him and experience the goodness of life.
- That image marred by losing trust in God – losing the relationship – lost the abundant life – got suffering and pain instead.
- Romans 1

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# Romans 1

- **21** For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God (did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge) or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. **22** Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.
- **24** Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them.

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# GOD HAD TO SAVE US ...

- God did it for us because of His love and grace, in and through Christ.
- God broke the power of sin, restored the relationship and all the blessings of that relationship.
- We become heirs of God, to “receive the full rights of sons” (Rom 8:5)
- To enjoy this we commit ourselves to God in full trust. This gives rise to the experience of the abundant life (behavior / works).

# WHAT DOES “NO WORKS” INDICATE?

- Not experiencing and journeying towards the fullness of salvation that God made available for us.
- Our salvation is in Christ – not in what we do.
- “No works” can be a rejection of God and what He intends for us.
- **Heb 10:26** *Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.*

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# DOES THAT MEAN WE WILL BE PERFECT IN THIS LIFETIME?

- From the Prophets to the Apostles to all the men of God – no one perfect.
- Belonging to Christ is more important than perfect obedience.
- Christianity a relationship – responsibilities necessary.
- In our imperfectness – we commit ourselves to Christ – the Holy Spirit is working to restore the image of God in us.

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## Romans 7

- **15** For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I *would* like to *do*, but I am doing the very thing I hate. . . **18** For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not. **19** For the good that I want, I do not do, but I practice the very evil that I do not want.

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Romans 7

- **24** Wretched man that I am!  
Who will set me free from the  
body of this death? **25** Thanks be  
to God through Jesus Christ our  
Lord!

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