

Episode 21 (Exposé 29)

Anchor Lady: Hello everyone, this is Exposé247. We want to welcome you for a big moment of exposition; it's a big moment of change. We want to appreciate you for the viewership; we want to appreciate you for the fellowship but more importantly we will be encouraging, we want the truths in what we've been sharing you are living it daily. Last week we were going on and on about the disconnect and the connect and letting us to know that there is a wide gap between the giving end and the receiving end that a lot could be done in the middle and the lost in transmission that's why we went.... I think you went to James telling us about receiving the planted wealth ...

Peter: yeah...James 1

Anchor Lady:so that something is implanted needs to, what is implanted needs to be received again, I don't know if you want to just round that up or we want to go into....

Peter: Yeah,

Anchor Lady:to the next verse...

Peter: Yeah, viewers all over the world, thank you for being with us on this errm, Prodigal Father's series that we've started for quite some time back, we've made a long ermm, you know, we've actually made quite a good progress, errrm... on this series and for if you were with us in the last episode we established one thing that even though we've been emphasising the fact that the father is good and that the goodness of God is independent of what we do or what we don't do ermm, but our last episode we brought ermm a different dimension to that understanding and what we said is in conclusion that even though God's goodness is independent of us however he does us no good unless we are able to receive it and we said that the church must go beyond singing and ermm always all the time talking about God is great, God is good ,God is mighty, we need to go beyond that and learn how to receive and experience the God that is great and we did say that even demons are much more concerned about we receiving than just declaring there's a God according to the book of James and that's where we actually did stop in the last episode

Anchor Lady: you know it's very very important to, that episode is very very important because so many people are, they just miss the receiving part they don't have the problem with the giving and erm....

Peter: yeah.... I think today, what our focus will be is, we've actually been doing something on this episode, we've looked at how the father treated the younger son in Luke chapter 15, Jesus's parable, and how the father treated the eldest son and we came to one conclusion and the conclusion we came to is, God's love, God's goodness, God's favour is only on God's terms and not on our terms so everything that God did, God did because of who He is and we came to that conclusion all through looking at how the father in Luke 15 dealt with the younger son and

the eldest son and you see, all what we've said so far will begin to ring errrr, a note of warning in you and people will begin to ask a question and the question is; does it matter what we do? Does it matter how we live our lives? If we did say that God's love is unconditional and God's goodness is independent on what we do or not do....James chapter one verse seventeen makes a very important point, James ones says that every good gift and perfect gift comes from above from the Father of Light in whom there's no turning nor variableness, what James is saying is every good gifts come from God who doesn't change, God doesn't changed, it means He doesn't matter how we live our lives, it doesn't matter how we err respond to God, but God's standpoint doesn't change but however this brings a question, does it matter then what we do, does it matter what we don't do if God is the same God if Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forevermore, if your action cannot change God for who He is. Infact, the book of Timothy said if we are faithless, God remains faithful so the question is, if God remains faithful,if God never changes His standpoint towards us, then the big question is; does it matter then how we live our lives or does it matters how we do so that's the thing we are gonna be addressing on today's episode and that's what we need to focus on and I'm gonna start today by looking at the thing that erm Paul had to address in Romans chapter 5, if you have your scriptures, if you have your bible, please open your scriptures with, to, with me to Romans chapter five now if we look at verse nineteen and verse twenty, Romans chapter 5 it says "moreover that's verse 19, as by one man's disobedience, many were made erm many were made sinners so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous look at verse twenty, moreover the law entered that the offence might abound but where sin abounded, grace much more abound" now what Paul is saying is, it doesn't matter the volume of sin, it doesn't matter the degree of sin, it doesn't matter how deep ungodliness or unrighteousness somebody is in, Paul said if sin abounds, grace much more abounds, now what Paul is saying is, it doesn't matter people's sin, people ungodliness, men's unrighteousness cannot frustrate the grace of God, let's say that again; the people's unrighteousness, men's ungodliness cannot frustrate God's grace. God's grace cannot give up, God's grace cannot say you know what, I've had it, God's grace can never say that.....

Anchor Lady: have had enough?

Peter: have had enough, that's too much, I mean if you were the younger son, if you were gonna take my inheritance in Luke 15, and waste my inheritance, it means that's too much, I've had enough, that's too much, that an extreme or God says that or grace says that there's something I can deal with if you are lying, if you are being dishonest, I can deal with that but killing someone, I can't deal with that or grace(laughs) grace never says okay you know what, it's fine for you errrm... I mean

Anchor Lady: there's no limit....

Peter: it says where sin abounds, grace much more, it means grace cannot be frustrated by what people do now that's what Paul is saying, Paul is saying that it doesn't matter how bad you are, it doesn't matter how wicked anybody is, they cannot frustrate God's grace, nobody

can sin beyond the grace of God that's what Paul said in this Romans 5: 20, now listen, and then when he said this thing look at the question that arises in the next verse, that's....

Anchor Lady: Verse 21...

Peter: now let's look at; let's go to chapter 6 from verse 1.....

Anchor Lady: Okay,

Peter: It says what shall we say then? Now, this's a question, somebody is asking Paul this question, it says Paul what are you talking about? Are you saying that, now that's in verse two, now that's verse one, sorry, what shall we say then, shall we continue in sin, are you saying, it doesn't matter how we live? If you are telling me that it doesn't matter what I do, grace is always going to be available, have you noticed, for the younger son, when the younger son left home in this parable, by the time he got back, grace was waiting for him, grace didn't shift position, now, so Apostle Paul is saying, people are asking the Apostle Paul, and there are simply saying, are you saying then that it doesn't matter what we do? It says shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound, you know, there's a way people read this, I mean when I was much younger, when people gonna interpret the scripture, what they try to say is, we cannot continue in sin so that grace will increase, it means, it's simply saying that, people, people think what it says is we cannot continue to live in an ungodly manner and expect God's grace to abound? No, that's not what it said, people are trying to re-interpret what that scripture is saying, the scripture is simply saying, if people continue in sin, grace will abound. People cannot frustrate the grace of God, you know what? Because the grace of God is all about God Himself not about us, what this is trying to say is it doesn't matter what you know, it doesn't matter what you refuse to do, grace will always be available....

Anchor Lady: there..

Peter: ...because it's based on the terms of God and not on human terms so the question is, are you saying Mr Paul, are you saying Apostle Paul that it doesn't matter what we do, grace will always be available? YES, now listen, this the question, now see and what we tell people is, anywhere the true gospel of grace is been preached, anywhere the true gospel of grace is been ministered, this question must arise and may I say this, if no one, if you are anywhere where you hear the gospel of Jesus Christ or you ministered the gospel of Christ and this question does not arise, you have to question whether you are ministering the true gospel of Grace, I'll say this again, Apostle Paul had to address this question four times in the book of romans, four different times, the Apostle Paul has to answer this question, I say anywhere the true gospel of grace is been ministered this question must arise.....

Anchor Lady: you are saying it must provoke?

Peter: it must provoke this question, any ministration that doesn't provoke this question, is not the true gospel of the ministration of grace, listen, Apostle Paul was a man that was sold out to the gospel, he was a man that suffered for the cause of the gospel, he was a man who was

shipwrecked for the sake of the gospel, he was stoned and left to be there, this man paid the price for the gospel, in fact he did say that to the Jews, I was like the Jew, to those without the law, I was a man without the law, this man sold his whole life to the gospel and yet when Paul will preach the true gospel of grace, people had to ask him the question; are you saying Paul, it doesn't matter how we live? And I say to you, I submit to you, this question must always be asked when we preach the gospel of grace, that's why on expose' this question is arising, somebody posted the question on our page, errm I think that was about some weeks ago....

Anchor Lady: Yeah

Peter: and this person was err saying to us, are you then saying that it doesn't matter how we live? If you are simply saying that the father was waiting for the younger son, after he has wasted his resources, the father did not give out any punishment to the younger son, the father was waiting for the younger son to come back home, and the person asked the question,

Anchor Lady: what's the motivation?

Peter: the person said why then does it matter what we do or what we don't do, if God is good and God will not change his nature because of us? And the person was asking us that question and when the person asked the question, I was happy within myself and this is the reason because one of the yardsticks, one of the measurement bases to know if the gospel of grace is ministered is people must ask this question. That's why Paul like I said, had to address this question four times in the book of Romans, and the question is this, shall we then continue in sin that grace may abound? Because now you've told us that it doesn't matter what we do, God will always be good, God will always be faithful, God will be consistent, God's nature, God's goodness, God's faithfulness has nothing to do with us. Now the question is, shall we then live anyhow? That's the big question and that's the question we need to answer on this series, now, we need to see how the Apostle Paul answered this question; if it really matters what we do? now the question is, see what he said next, he said don't you know, that's the question, don't you know that so many of us that were baptised into Jesus Christ were baptised into His death? Let me say this, what about if there is no motivation to do righteousness? I'll say this again; what about if we cannot give you any reason? What about if we say, what you do or what you don't do has no effect on God, again what about if there is no motivation for you to do right, what about if you do right because you were made right?

Anchor Lady: Hmmm...

Peter: That's what Apostle Paul said, he said, shall we that we were dead to what, to sin, the new creation reality, is not just some methods or some procedure, or some principles,

Anchor Lady: or rules,

Peter: it is a change of nature, now the reason why a dog is a dog, because a dog is a dog; a dog would bark because a dog is a dog, you don't need to teach a dog *seven steps on how to*

bark or three ways to be a dog, Paul is simply saying, if you are asking me the question that shall we continue in sin, so that grace may abound? well, Paul did say, YES, you can, it doesn't matter, you can't frustrate the grace, now there's something that comes to mind, they use to be a Russian monk, his name was RASPUTIN, now RASPUTIN was a monk in Russia, I mean during the time of the I mean the time of the when there was the Caesar reign in Russia, during the first world war, now, you see RASPUTIN heard this same scripture of Romans chapter 6 and RASPUTIN said, wow! are you saying that it doesn't matter how much we sin, grace cannot be frustrated and RASPUTIN said I will live anyhow I want to live, he was a monk, and it was recorded in history if you read the *48 Laws of Power* by Robert Green, RASPUTIN actually committed so much atrocities with most of his people in his, I mean most of his people in his church, I mean he committed adultery and fornication with them because he said , it doesn't matter what I do, he doesn't matter what I say, it doesn't matter how I act, the grace is already available, but listen, what the Apostle Paul was simply saying is, what about if the reason why we do right is because we were made right? Our nature was changed, we were given a new nature, the bible says if anyone is in Christ he is a what? A new creation, so the reason why we do right, the reason why we act right is because we have a new nature,

Anchor Lady: because we are made right

Peter: and if anyone tells you they have received the grace of God, if anybody says they have been made anew and live anyhow they want to live, we have to question whether they have actually received the new nature that is in Christ Jesus, the bible says in 1 Peter 1:18-19, it says you were born again not of the corruptible seed, but of the incorruptible seed of the word.

It means when you gave your life to Jesus, a seed was put in you. The bible says *if anybody is in Christ—it said—he cannot sin because the seed of God was put in you*. There's a seed that came into you, there's a new life that came into you and the reason why you do right is because you were made right! That's why the bible talks about the grace of God in Titus 2:11, it says *the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men teaching us to say no to ungodliness*. A teacher came into you when you gave your life to Jesus; a teacher came into your spirit...a teacher came into your life and Paul is simply saying, *if you are asking me that shall we then continue in sin that grace may abound?* Yes! But listen, what about if we say we don't sin because we are no more sinners because we are made righteous. And that's the reason...that's the reality. So, the very first basis of grace is to simply say *we are changed, we are dead to sin...we are completely dead to the sin nature and we are made alive in Christ Jesus*. And that is why every time—if you notice these scriptures—every time that there was a...scandal in the...in the scripture—in the new testament—any time somebody did something wrong among the church-people when the Apostle Paul was going to bring the correction he was going to come with that revelation.

For example, you know the Corinthian church in 1st Corinthians 5 when they had someone in the Corinthian church who was sleeping with his father's wife and you see, who was committing...I mean...immorality with his father's wife. Now when the Apostle Paul will

address the Corinthians church in 1st Corinthians chapter 6, he told them, he said, *don't you know that your bodies is the temple of the Holy Spirit which you have received of God*. Now he's using that to tell them *do you not know that there is something new about you? Do you not understand that you have a new nature? Do you not understand that the reason you cannot live anyhow is because you are not the same person you used to be?* Now listen if you live anyhow, it will not change how God sees you; if you live anyhow, it would not change God's disposition towards, if you live anyhow, it will not make God to change his mind towards you. But listen, the reason why you don't want to live anyhow is not because you want to make God happy about you and I think this is where we get it all wrong. Many Christians have the wrong motivation for living right. We have the wrong motivation for acting right. We have the wrong motivation for doing the right thing.

I repeat, in the scriptures, it tells us that you cannot out-sin grace! You cannot outdo the grace of God...you cannot frustrate God's grace. Now listen, I know there is a place in the scriptures where Paul said *I do not frustrate the—what—the grace of God*. Now don't get that out of context because in that particular scripture, Paul was talking about frustrating grace because *you are not making use of grace*. Those are two different things. Because he said *if righteousness could be achieved by the law—it says—that means I've frustrate the grace of God*. That's the context in which grace was frustrated but in this particular...this is a different context of Romans chapter ; in this context, it says *you cannot do anything that will make God change his mind about you*. Doesn't the bible says, *the gifts and the callings of God are without repentance?* You cannot do anything—I repeat, this is the true grace of God, this is the true gospel of grace—you cannot make God change his mind about you or who you are.

But listen, the reason why we do right or we act right then is not because we want to convince God about us. No! The reason why we want to do right is because God made us right in Christ Jesus. And I think the responsibility then lies upon everyone...lies upon every Christian to understand what happened to you at the new birth...to understand that a new seed has come into you; a new life has come into you. And every time you fall into error, every time you do the wrong thing, every time you actually live a life that is not pleasing to God...that happened to you because you are not living out the implication of the gospel. That's the reason...and I think when I say the gospel, people think that we're talking about unbelievers...every time we talk about the gospel—the good news—we think it's about unbelievers, that's not true. Now the good news is not just for unbelievers, the good news is for believers alike because I remember in the book of Galatians chapter 1 chapter 2, when the Apostle Paul wrote to the Galatian church—listen—it's called the Galatian church not the Galatian unbelievers; the Galatian church. Paul said *why are you soon removed from the gospel of grace unto another gospel*. I submit to you, every gospel that is not the gospel of grace is another gospel. Now this was written to believers; it was written to Christians not unbelievers so when we talk about the gospel it's not just for unbelievers, the gospel is for believers alike.

We need to live out of lives, when I say live out I mean, we need to express the full implications of the gospel. And so what we see in the scriptures simply says that *when we came into Christ we became dead to the sin nature... we became dead to the sin and now we are made alive in Christ Jesus*. Now, it doesn't matter if you feel like it...it doesn't matter whether you...it doesn't matter whether your feelings correspond or not, that's the reality of what happened to you in new birth. So, the challenge to us then is to understand what happened to us and to live out our lives every day with that implication. So, if anybody is living in sin, they are living in sin because they don't know what happened. That's why this Romans 6:2 says *know you not...don't you know...*

Anchor Lady: ...who you are...

Peter: ...*that if anybody claims they can live anyhow because of grace—it said the person has a bigger problem—they don't even know what happened to them at the new birth!*

Anchor Lady: They don't know who they are.

Peter: They don't even know the reality of what happened. If anybody is committing adultery or fornication in the church, it means they don't even understand that their body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Now see what happened in 1st Corinthians 7 before we go ahead...before we actually conclude today. You see when the Corinthian church were busy erm...fighting amongst themselves and were busy...you know back-biting and were busy gossiping. You see when the Apostle Paul will speak again—see the understanding of this man, Paul...see the...see the greatness of his revelation, see what Paul said in 1st Corinthians...I mean...chapter 7 to them, he said—*don't you know you're gonna judge angels, don't you know the status that God has given to you; the new position you have in Christ Jesus*. And why...if you are going to judge angels why is it that it's so...these matters...these small matters of church is actually throwing you people up. So, I think...I submit to you, the reason why somebody who has received a new life in Christ Jesus will live in sin is because they don't understand what happened to them or what they have received.

So today, we have made a major point known that the first basis for living right, the first foundation or the foundation for doing the right thing is because we need to know that God made us right already in Christ Jesus and that's the foundation of it.

Anchor Lady: Yeah. So, to capture everything you've said. Today, we could...we could infer from what you've said that the grace of God is boundless, it is limitless...you know, you cannot out-sin...

Peter: ...no, you can't! you can't simply say well, *I'm not gonna sin too much so that God is not un...so that God doesn't become unhappy with me; I will not sin too much.*

Anchor Lady: So, we're talking about the supply of grace we have this to...we have to settle this in our mind that this supply you cannot out-sin...

Peter: ...no you can't out-sin and say well, *there's a limit*...

Anchor Lady: ...you cannot scrape it off the supply and say *oh we are running out of grace*. No matter what, no matter what condition...no matter any human frailty...of any sin that has never even been thought of...

Peter: ...yeah...

Anchor Lady: ...there's grace available for it. That's the truth...it looks weird but that's the truth. There's grace available for it. Then secondly, we learnt about this...we are putting to rest this question that always come in whenever the gospel of grace hits...

Peter: ...it must be asked...

Anchor Lady: ...the people.

Peter: ...people always ask that question.

Anchor Lady: Then what is the point, what's the motivation? But now, the answer is hinged on this and then you were able to show us how Apostle Paul dealt with a similar question; the same question that has been asked over and over again. And you know, it's not changing the pattern and we know that this proposition...the argument hinges on it. That'll be making us to remember who we are.

So, the way to answer the question is just...just know who you are, the reality of ourselves. If you know who you are, the reality of what came to you then you'll understand there's no point. There's not point, there's not encouragement, there's no motivation...why would you sin?

Peter: If you're not a sinner...

Anchor Lady: ...if you're not a sinner...

Peter: I mean, a righteous man lives righteously and a sinner lives in sin. So, if you are a righteous person—and that's why...you see...we talk about conviction all the time; talk about conviction of the spirit, we always say well, *we need to make sure people are convicted*...but you see, the greatest conviction that a believer needs—of course, an unbeliever who has not come to Christ needs to be convicted of the fact they have fallen short of the glory of God—but if you are a believer in Christ Jesus—the greatest conviction you need is the conviction of your righteousness. That's what Jesus said that when...

Anchor Lady: ...John 16...

Peter: ...yeah, John 16. He said *of righteousness*—he said—*the world must be convicted of righteousness because I go to the father*. You see 'of righteousness' there's a conviction of our

righteousness! We need to be convicted of our righteousness...of who we are and if we are convicted of righteousness we will live lives consistent with the identity...

Anchor Lady: ...with the reality...

Peter: ...that we actually know of ourselves.

Anchor Lady: And it is very interesting to know that different situations played out; the one that...in the Corinthians church where they were...the morality case and when there was bickering and strife among them, every time anything comes out...er...the only approach is just reminding...

Peter: ...'don't you know who you are'

Anchor Lady: Don't you know.... don't you know...

Peter: ...don't you know...

Anchor Lady: So, I don't know the scenario that is playing in our lives...the scenario...just get back to know 'don't you know'.

Peter: There's no point in feeling condemned and thinking that what you did has done something to God. Sorry! It might be surprising to you...the true gospel of grace says there's nothing that you did or didn't do that has nothing to do with how God sees you. So, there's no point feeling condemned. You should be much more concerned with you not seeing yourself the way God sees you. That should be more of a concern to you more than you thinking of how what you did had effect on God. It should be much more important to you about why is it that what you are...who you are is not affecting the way you live your life.

Anchor Lady: So, the burden on us...the burden on us... the burden on believers is knowing the reality of who they are and trying to remind...reminding ourselves of who we are in every scenario. So, we remind...if you know who you are. We know the spirit that's in us.

Peter: ...yes...

Anchor Lady: We are begotten of God. You know...and he cannot commit sin for the seed of God is in him...

Peter: ...remains in him...and he has to keep...anybody must keep that awareness that the seed of God is here and if the seed of God is here, *I can't live that way...I cannot talk that way...I cannot relate that way...I cannot be that way because this is who I am.* ... so that's the challenge we have as Christians to always bring that thing in perspective of who we are in Christ Jesus...

Anchor Lady: ...and that's not just one line of defence, that's just the only answer! Just remind you who we are. So, today we trust we've done enough on that and tomorrow, same time 7pm, we'll continue on this passage. And we'll like to invite anybody that is in our neighbourhood; we'll be having ministration in Chapel House.

Peter: Yeah, we'll be Chapel House Christian Fellowship in Chorley tomorrow...erm by 11am. We'll start the ministration roughly around that time so if you are within the Chorley, Preston, Lancashire region, you can join us at that time as we bring the truth of the life that is in the word of God.

Anchor Lady: And then we hope there will be a live...Facebook live transmission...

Peter: Yeah, you can also connect with us on our erm...on our Facebook page. We should be live-streaming that time if you're unable to join us there

Anchor Lady: So, we'll see again tomorrow 7pm or during the ministration so... stay grounded in God's word.

Peter: Amen. God bless you.

Anchor Lady: God bless you. Bye.