

GRACE BUILT
Part 5: Responding To God's Grace

Text: Acts 20:32 NKJ

BUILDING ON GRACE (Galatians 2:21 NKJ)

- A. Two choices: Works or Faith
 - 1. Building your life with God on works
 - 2. Setting grace aside - to make it void, render it null
 - 3. Our standing with God is based on what Jesus has done for us (*Galatians 2:16 NKJ*)

A LOVE / GRACE STORY (2 Samuel 9:1-5 NKJ)

- A. Because of Jonathan
 - 1. He and David had a covenant between them that involved children
- B. Mephibosheth was living in a low state
 - 1. Disabled due to an accident at a young age - David unknowingly involved
 - 2. Deceived due to believing David was his problem and his enemy
- C. We can draw a similar parallel
 - 1. Living in a low state spiritually (*Romans 5:6 NKJ*)
 - 2. Many were deceived - God was the source of the misery and hardship in their lives
 - 3. But because of God's love (*Romans 5:8,11 NKJ*)

LIFTED BY LOVE, ESTABLISHED BY GRACE (2 Samuel 9:6-11 NKJ)

- A. No reason to be afraid
 - 1. It was right for Mephibosheth to show respect to king David
 - 2. It was not right for him to fear for his life
- C. Restored to a place of abundance
 - 1. As a king, Saul had most likely owned a large amount of land
 - 2. Blessed beyond his capacity
- C. Given a place of royalty
 - 1. To eat at the king's table was a privilege reserved for the king's family
- D. Initially Mephibosheth resisted David's grace
 - 1. Few things of less value than a dead dog

WE HAVE BEEN LIFTED BY GOD'S LOVE AND GRACE

- A. Our lives parallel the story of Mephibosheth
 - 1. We respect and reverence God (*Romans 8:31-32 NKJ*)
 - 2. We have been restored to a place of abundance (*2 Corinthians 8:9 NKJ*)
 - 3. We have been given a place of royalty (*1 Peter 2:9 NKJ*)