2Thess #131

Capacity for real love comes at maturity.

This will be a short message due to the fact that I have last minute items to get prepared for the coming hurricane.

There is a strong chance that Thursday class will be cancelled.

Also, I will either make a quick update video. Or give Rob a call and he will place information on the website.

Either way - be prepared to look on the website and on the main platforms like You-tube and Rumble or Brighteon, by late Thursday afternoon.

We have been diving deeper into what true maturity looks like, certainly in the area of a super-grace life of maturity.

I want to go over some principles we closed with last lesson, because in the bigger picture it is an area we all fall into from time to time.

/Negative vulnerability in which our OSN gets the best of us, happens. The extent and time, in which that controls the Bel becomes the bigger issue. If emotions have begun to truly steer your life, this is a sure sign you have fallen backward in a very problematic fashion. This will lead to a frantic search for happiness or cosmic reaction instead of doctrinal responses. The blackout of the soul, is sure to follow at this point. \

Negative emotionalism, which is the Believer becoming negative to doctrine through emotional revolt of the soul, happens to legalistic Bels, and Bels who have become morally corrupt. It happens to any Christian, who has peeled away from absorbing the truth and living by the Spirit and word.

They now find comfort back in the cosmic system.

REPEAT

Open up in Philippians chapter four RF.

/Backsliding, almost always begins with some subtle form of distraction or apathy. At this early stage of reversionism there is a sense GOD is angry with them, so now they push further away. It is the same feeling many uneducated Bels feel when life hands them a challenge or adversity. God found a way to love every Bel, regardless of his status in time and not compromise His righteousness and His justice. It is through our union with Christ.\

The love issue was settled at the cross through propitiation whereby God found a way to love every Believer regardless of his or her daily status and condition.

Your position is always shining forth in the eyes of GOD – which is in union with Christ.

God knows your daily condition and HE knows when you will fail and fall.

Sometimes GOD has to use wake-up calls, sometimes warnings and then discipline, but it never waivers HIS love for us.

Your level of maturity will determine how GOD handles certain situations.

REPEAT

/The Christian’s response to God’s plan at any given moment, varies according to the amount of doctrine in their soul. God expresses His love in different ways, each Bel is dealt with differently because we all grow at our own pace and have differing levels of doctrine in our soul. What we can count on is using the template of BD, from deeper studies in the WORD, as a basic guide to understanding how GOD operates.\

The level of your maturity, determines a lot about not only how you view challenges or adversity, but also how GOD will guide you through those times.

/In the realm of super-grace maturity, we can note that the Bel is fully aligned inside the plan of GOD. Therefore, a scripture like Romans 8:28 is accurate;

Rom 8:28 And we know that **causes all things to work together for good to those who love God**, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. \

In fact, I would argue that even at other levels of maturity, such Spiritual Autonomy – Rom 8:28 can apply.

One of the key steps upward toward super-grace begins with true happiness, a genuine attitude of contentment.

Our true tranquility of soul should not be lost because of adversity, or become dependent on the situation falling in your favor every time.

Momentary doubts or frustration are normal during true adversity, yet the question remains…does it rob your tranquility of soul in the long run?

Once you get past the stumbling or shock stage, are you now at a loss of true, divine happiness?

/Prov 26:11 Like a dog that returns to its vomit, So is a fool who repeats his foolishness.

The Believer who returns to cosmic system ideology, is going back to the filth of the OSN and Satan’s system.\

Longer periods of time in the cosmic system actually dulls the Bel’s doctrinal library. It affects the soul in a very negative fashion.

The Bels at Phillipi were predominately military families. It was an area that was very comfortable and a retirement place for Roman soldiers.

Some Greeks and Jews did populate the area but they were in the minority.

The Apostle Paul had a good, core group of positive Bels in Phillipi.

/Phlp 4:4 **Rejoice** (*chairō*) in the Lord always; again I will say, **rejoice**!

Pres, Act, Ind, meaning - always be grateful and cheerfully having joy in the LORD. (1Thess 5:16 Rejoice always)\

It is used twice – always keep a content attitude, have joy in Christ – the Active voice is pointing to the Bel, the imperative mood speaks to a command.

It is your responsibility to grow in God’s plan so this becomes a reality in your walk.

[Phl 4:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/5/s_1107005) Let your gentle *spirit* be known to all people. The Lord is near.

The Believer at maturity will display the fruit of the Spirit.

/[Phl 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/6/s_1107006) **Do not be anxious about anything,** but in everything by prayer and pleading with **thanksgiving** let your requests be made known to God.

This can not be done from the flesh. Many can fake it, but ultimately, it will be exposed under the right pressure.\

These are some signs and symbols of a mature Christian who has real, positive momentum.

This relates to that calm assurance and relaxed mental attitude.

/[Phl 4:7](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/phl/4/7/s_1107007) And **the peace**(*eirēnē*)**of God, which surpasses all comprehension**, will **guard your hearts** and **minds** in Christ Jesus.

This happiness is acquired through the intake of doctrine, it is dependent upon the two power options active and consistent in a Bel’s life.\

EYE-RAINY, is a divine contentment, it is a place of soul tranquility – a calm assurance and RMA.

It is not lost from adverse circumstances- in fact, it is what stabilizes the SM during the times of trouble.

Go into the OT – Lamentations chapter three RF.

/1Jhn 1:4 These things we write, so that **our joy may be made complete**.

There are levels to maturity and therefore, it means levels of contentment and tranquility. To be made complete – super-grace.\

There is no greater priority then your study in the WORD, learning and growing in the New Nature.

Then the application stage follows along with that.

/Col 3:1 Therefore, if you have been raised with Christ**, keep seeking the things *that are* above**, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 **Set your minds on the things *that are* above**, not on the things that are on earth.\

Get your mind off the cosmic system and get your focus on your relationship with Christ.

That word – *seek,* in the original language points to our desires.

Spiritual growth will never accumulate in your walk, if you are in and out of the plan of GOD every other month.

/[Col 3:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/col/3/3/s_1110003) For **you have died,** and **your life is hidden**with Christ in God.

Your flesh was nailed to the cross – you are forever in position with Christ! Though this a temporal walk, during the invisible stage of the angelic conflict, it is guaranteed to bring us into eternity.\

We belong to GOD - we are Royal Family and the bride of Christ, that can never be taken from you!

The SM Bel understands the intensified, yet invisible stage, of the angelic conflict.

Let us look at something the prophet Jeremiah wrote for our benefit.

/Lam 3:22 The LORD’S acts of mercy indeed do not end, For His compassions do not fail.

His mercies save us from being consumed, HIS compassion is beyond failure.\

This is closer to the original Hebrew text.

This is written in a strong statement of fact.

This was one of the things the prophet Jeremiah remembered. He remembered that as beat down and defeated the people of Jerusalem and Judah were, they were not yet completely consumed.

God was not done with them yet!

There was still a remnant, and remnant with a promise of restoration.

/[Lam 3:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/lam/3/23/s_800023) *They* are **new every morning**;Great is Your faithfulness.

God is a GOD of multiple chances and filled with mercy and compassion. Yesterday is done, YAHWEH wants you to focus on today! \

[Lam 3:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/lam/3/24/s_800024) “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,“Therefore I wait for Him.”

This is the attitude of the mature Christian.

/Phlp 3:13 Brothers *and sisters,* I do not regard myself as having taken hold of *it yet;* but one thing *I do:* **forgetting whatwhat *lies* behind** and **reaching forward** to what *lies* ahead,\

The super-grace Bel, such as we witnessed with King David (2Sam 12) can bounce back from failure before they get to far removed from God’s plan.

Many Bels are stuck in their last failure or last year’s sins. Or even ten years ago when they failed miserably.

/[Lam 3:25](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/lam/3/25/s_800025) The LORD is good to those who **await Him,** To the person who **seeks Him**.

The key is focus on God’s plan and HIS timing not your own! There is a seeking and desire for HIM within a growing Believer’s life.\

The capacity factor is real issue involved in super-grace life.

/The super-grace Believer has capacity in the following categories: freedom —

Gal 5:1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery. (Rom 8:21, 2Cor 3:17, Jam 1:25)\

In closing this series, we will touch on a few scriptures to help you understand these capacities.

/Capacity for life —

1Sam 17:47 and that this entire assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword or by spear; for the battle is the LORD’S, and He will hand you over to us!”\

Phlp 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

/SM Bel has capacity for all categories of love — category #1 love;

1Jhn 2:5 but whoever **follows His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected.** By this we know that we are in Him: (Deu 6:6, Josh 23:10-11)\

Love for GOD.

Then capacity for personal love, with the focus on marriage.

/Capacity for category #2 love –

Song of Sol 8:6 “Put me like a seal over your heart, Like a seal on your arm. For love is as strong as death, Jealousy is as severe as Sheol; Its flames are flames of fire, The flame of the LORD. 7 “Many waters cannot quench love, Nor will rivers flood over it; If a man were to give all the riches of his house for love, It would be utterly despised.”\

Also, the capacity for close friendship and love for family.

/Capacity for category #3 love -

2Sam 1:26 “I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; You have been a close friend to me. Your love for me was more wonderful Than the love of women. (Jhn 15:13, Mark 12:31)\