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Romans 5:17

STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Mission

The Mission of GraceLife University is to reach the world with the message of God's unconditional love & grace through the finished work of Jesus Christ, to make disciples (empower believers through the Word) and prepare leaders to positively impact their world.

PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION

Our Educational Philosophy is based on three things, the Great Commission, the Great Truth, and what Dr. Gray likes to call the Great Motivation.

The Great Commission is found in three primary passages of scripture: Matthew 28:20, Mark 16:14-18 and Luke 24:45-48.

Matthew 28:20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you;...” ---Matthew 28:20 NASB

Mark 16:15-16

“And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. “He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.” ---Mark 16:15-16 NASB

Luke 24:45-48

“Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His

name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things." ---Luke 24:45-48 NASB

Dr. Gray's translation from the Greek of the Great Commission:

"As we are going about our daily lives, Make Disciples of All Peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!"

In the Greek, the imperative or command in this passage is on the "Make Disciples of All Peoples, NOT on the Going! The mission is simply to Share what Jesus Christ has done in our lives, not on you going out, knocking on the doors of strangers (though if the Holy Spirit has lead you to do this, I am not telling you not to go out and knock on doors) with some memorized gospel presentation that you learned in Evangelism Explosion, Christian Witness Training, or some other evangelism program.

We must first lead people to Faith in Christ before we can Make Disciples of them! We can use many areas of Christian Ministry to Disciple: Bible Study/Christian Education, Christian Counseling, even Music Ministry. Whatever your calling/spiritual gifts you can play a role in Making Disciples!!!

The Great Truth is based on Luke 24:45-48, which is also the third of the Great Commission passages.

"Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and He said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, and that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. "You are witnesses of these things." ---Luke 24:45-48 NASB

This Great Truth of Christ Crucified for Our Sins MUST be given Central Place in ALL that we teach!

The Great Motivation is based on two passages of scripture. The first is found in Matthew 22:36-39.

"And He said to Him, "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." ---Matthew 22:36-39 NASB

This commandment tells us that we must love those around us. Now you may be thinking:

“Dr. Gray how do I love those around me? Some of them are Mean, Nasty, Hateful (they even hate me), Irritating and just plain Unlovable. I can’t do that!”

Well, it is quite simple. DON’T Worry About It! At this point you are probably confused, but it is quite simple. You don’t do the loving. The Holy Spirit, as He works in you to conform you to the Image of Christ, will Transform You and Supply You with the Love For Others around you. The motivation for all we do, and the attitude we approach our calling with, is LOVE!!!

The second passage of scripture is found in John 13:35:

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” --- John 13:35 NASB

The Third Passage of scripture is found in Romans 13:8:

“Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.” --- Romans 13:8 NASB

The fourth Passage of scripture is found in 1 Thessalonians 3:12:

“and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;” ---1 Thessalonians 3:12 NASB

The fifth Passage of scripture is found in 1 Peter 4:8:

“Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.” --- 1 Peter 4:8 NASB

The sixth Passage of scripture is found in 1 John 3:11:

“For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;” ---1 John 3:11 NASB

The seventh Passage of scripture is found in 1 John 4:7:

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.” ---1 John 4:7 NASB

All that we do Must be motivated by LOVE!!!

These are the three principles that guide us in Training Others for Christian Ministry, Leadership Roles and Christian Discipleship.

GRACE-BASED EDUCATION

What is Grace?

Grace is the Unearned, Undeserved, Unmerited Favor of God!

“May grace (God’s favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.” —2 Peter 1:2, AMP

There are many quality writings by great men of God on favor (Grace), but what we want you to see is that God’s unmerited favor (Grace) is not a topic. Grace is not a teaching.

GOD’S UNMERITED FAVOR (Grace) IS THE GOSPEL!

God’s unmerited favor (Grace) is not a subject.
It is a PERSON, AND HIS NAME IS JESUS.

When you have Jesus, you have unmerited favor (Grace)!

Jesus and unmerited favor (Grace) do not exist separately.

Unmerited favor (Grace) is embodied in His entire being and in His finished work at Calvary.

The course of studies at GraceLife University is about your supernatural advantage for a successful life. It is about Walking in the GraceLife! By the end of your studies, we trust that You will indeed begin to believe that God is Personally Interested in your success, that You are His Precious Child and that He wants to see You Succeed and Reign in life. When you believe that, you will also start to depend on His Unmerited Favor (Grace) for success in every area of your life.

God's definition of success is contrary to the world's definition. Corporate America measures success based on what you have done, what you have accomplished and what you have accumulated. It is based entirely on you focusing all your time, energy and resources in meriting titles and collecting accomplishments.

My dear brother or sister, we want to encourage you to begin to see that the world's model of success is unstable and built upon a foundation that is shakable. It may have the outward appearance of the good life, but it is temporal, and we have all seen for ourselves how the world's transient wealth can dissipate like smoke and easily slip away like the shifting sands in the desert.

From Genesis 39:2, it is clear that success is not what you have, but rather who you have! Joseph literally had nothing materially, but at the same time, he had everything because the Lord was with him. The material things that you have accumulated or are feverishly trying to amass do not make you a success. It is the presence of the Lord in your life that makes you a success!

We need to learn to stop pursuing things and to start pursuing Him. God sees your relationship with Him as the only thing that you need for every success in your life. I can't imagine starting in a worse place than Joseph. He was completely naked. He had nothing! No bank accounts, no educational qualifications, no natural connections with people of influence, nothing. Thank God the Bible records a picture of Joseph who began with nothing, so that you and I can have hope today. If you think that like Joseph, you have nothing, well, you can start believing in the power of the presence of the Lord in your life. Start looking to Jesus and claim that promise in the scripture for yourself!

To see success in our walk of faith we must change our thinking. It is the Power of Right Believing that will change our lives! Right Believing About the Word of God. As a great man of God once said:

RIGHT BELIEVING LEADS TO RIGHT LIVING!

Right DOING and SELF-EFFORT will NEVER bring permanent transformation to our lives. Only CHANGING what WE BELIEVE regarding the WORD OF GOD will bring lasting transformation into our lives. The Word of God will Renew Our Minds and Transform Our Lives if we allow the Holy Spirit to work His Word into US!

“And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” ---Romans 12:2 NASB

We must keep Christ Jesus and His Finished Work central to all our Studies, because without His Finished Work, neither GRACE nor SALVATION nor the TRANSFORMATIVE WORK OF THE SPIRIT would be possible!

It is our prayer that as you progress through your studies, you will start seeing more of Jesus and start experiencing His Unmerited Favor (Grace) in an unprecedented way. Get ready to experience God’s supernatural success through His Unmerited Favor (Grace) today!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Grace is not just one of many doctrines in the Bible. Grace IS THE GOSPEL, the Good News we are to preach. Grace is the life of Jesus coming to live inside of you. Jesus is Grace personified for the Bible says Jesus is full of Grace and Truth (John 1:14, 16-17) and that the Grace of God has appeared to all men (Titus 2:11). Grace is not a license to sin but empowers you to live free from sin (Rom.6:14). These are a few of the things, along with so much more that you will learn and be able to apply here at GraceLife University.

GraceLife University was born out of my desire to bring the liberating truths of God's Unconditional Love, Grace, and Mercy to others. In accordance with that Vision and calling, GraceLife University seeks to put Our Lord Jesus Christ as Central Focus in all our courses and all that we do so, that we might Positively Impact People In A Way That Transforms Lives!

My Personal Commission from the LORD, that guides all that we do at GraceLife University, is to bring Jesus Christ back to central place in the church by rolling away the stone and opening people's eyes to reveal more of Jesus and His finished work. This is best illustrated by the story of Lazarus. In this story, Jesus commanded the people to roll away the stone from Lazarus' tomb. Even though the people protested that Lazarus had already been dead for four days and that the stench would be terrible, Jesus persisted because He knew that Lazarus had been resurrected. Even though Lazarus was alive, the resurrection life could not flow as long as he was bound behind the stone. The stone had to be removed for resurrection life to come forth.

That is what my ministry is about — rolling away the stone. There are many believers who have resurrection life because they have been born again, but they are not experiencing breakthroughs in their health, their finances, their family lives and their careers because they are bound hand and foot, trapped behind the stone. Before resurrection life can flow, the stone must be rolled away! The stone is a picture of the law. The law was written and engraved on stones, and as long as believers are under the law, the ministry of death and condemnation (2 Corinthians 3:7-9) binds them. My commission from the Lord is to roll away the stone from believers who are saved and born again. You need to remove the law that binds. When you roll away the stone, that's when Lazarus comes forth, that's when you

see the glory of God, that's when you see the finished work! There is no greater reward than to know that I have opened people's eyes to see more of Jesus, more of His Grace, more of His beauty, and more of the exquisite perfection of His Finished Work."

GraceLife University has been designed to help you get so established in God's grace that your life will not only be completely transformed but that also your heart will burn with a passion to share this Good News about God's grace with the world around you! Thank you for your interest and involvement in GraceLife University.

In His Grace,

Dr. Charles R. Gray, II
President
GraceLife University

DOCTRINAL STATEMENT

We Believe in one God, who exists in three Persons — the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is loving, holy and just.

We Believe the Bible is God's Word. It is inspired and accurate. It is our perfect guide in all matters of life.

We Believe sin has separated us all from God, and that only through Jesus Christ can we be reconciled to God.

We Believe that Jesus Christ is both God and Man. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He led a sinless life, took all our sins upon Himself, died and rose again. Today, He is seated at the right hand of the Father as our High Priest and Mediator.

We Believe that salvation is the gift of God to man. This gift is effected by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and it produces works pleasing to God.

We Believe that water baptism is an outward act that demonstrates a believer's identification with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

We Believe the Holy Spirit is our Comforter. He guides us in all areas of our lives. He also blesses us with spiritual gifts and empowers us to yield the fruit of the Spirit.

We Believe that Holy Communion is a celebration of Jesus' sacrificial death and our remembrance of Him.

We Believe God wants to transform, heal and prosper us, so that we can live blessed and victorious lives that will impact and help others.

We Believe we are called to preach the gospel to all nations.

We Believe our Lord Jesus Christ is coming back again just as He promised.

*Doctrinal Statement of the University

DEGREE PROGRAMS

Associate of Arts in Biblical Studies

Associate of Arts in Christian Ministry

Associate of Arts in Christian Theology

Bachelor of Arts in Biblical Studies

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Counseling

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Education

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry

Bachelor of Arts in Christian Theology

Master of Arts in Biblical Studies

Master of Arts in Christian Counseling

Master of Arts in Christian Education

Master of Theology

Ph.D. in Biblical Studies

Ph.D. in Chaplain Ministry

Ph.D. in Christian Counseling

Ph.D. in Christian Education

Ph.D. in Christian Theology

Ph.D. in Evangelism

Doctor of Ministry

Doctor of Divinity (Earned)

TUITION & REQUIREMENTS

- **CLASS VS DEGREE PACKAGE TUITION PAYMENTS**

We at GraceLife University offer two ways to purchase your degree. You can pay for one class at a time. The cost is \$300.00 per class.

The other option is to pay for your entire degree plan up front. You will typically save about 25% of the cost by choosing this option. Included on the page for each degree will be a Package Price.

We realize that many of our students will need to do the One Class At A Time Plan rather than The Degree Package, but we do offer the option.

We exclusively use PayPal to Process All Payments!

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

- **Associate & Bachelor's Degree Students**

All students applying to enter a Bachelor's Degree Program must have either a High School Diploma or a G.E.D. They are required to have their High School transcript or G.E.D. proof of exam scores Mailed or Emailed to GLU. Email to:
DrGray@gracelifeuniversity.org

- **Master's Degree Students**

All students applying to enter a Master's Degree Program must hold a Bachelor's Degree. They are required to have their transcript(s) Mailed or Emailed to GLU. Email to:
DrGray@gracelifeuniversity.org

- **Doctoral Degree Students**

All students applying to enter a Doctoral Degree Program must hold a Bachelor's Degree & a Master's Degree. They are required to have their transcripts Mailed or Emailed to GLU. Email to: DrGray@gracelifeuniversity.org

APPLICATION PROCESS

- **NEW STUDENTS**

1. Fill out Application For Admission Form Completely.
2. Have ALL required transcript(s) sent to GLU.
3. Read ALL of the Student Handbook.
4. Email ALL completed forms to:
DrGray@gracelifeuniversity.org & Pay the One Time Application Fee of \$75.00 through one of the many payment buttons on the GLU website.

- **Multi-Degree Students**

Those graduates entering a second, third etc. Degree Program email your application & pay for your first class through the Class Quick Pay page!

STUDENT POLICIES

- **CONDUCT**

Any student who threatens another student, faculty member, staff member or board member is subject to expulsion from the university. Although we know many students are at different levels of maturity, all students should allow the grace of God to train them to turn away from all ungodliness and allow Christ Jesus to live a holy life through them. As Titus 2:11-14 states...

“For the [remarkable, undeserved] grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to reject ungodliness and worldly (immoral) desires, and to live sensible, upright, and godly lives [lives with a purpose that reflect spiritual maturity] in this present age, awaiting *and* confidently expecting the [fulfillment of our] blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who [willingly] gave Himself [to be crucified] on our behalf to redeem us *and* purchase our freedom from all wickedness, and to purify for Himself a chosen *and* very special people to be His own possession, *who are* enthusiastic for doing what is good.” -- Titus 2:11-14 AMP

- **COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Each student is emailed one course at a time. In your email you will receive your: Course Commentary, Mid-Term Exam, Final Exam, any Writing Assignment required for that particular course, and an Instruction Sheet at the beginning of the Commentary. The student will read the Course Commentary, complete the Mid-Term Exam & Final Exam, and complete any writing assignment. These items are to be emailed to your instructor for grading. Your Instructor will email your grades to you.

- **FEES**

One Time Application Fee	\$75.00
Course Fee	\$300.00
Graduation Fee	\$200.00

- **REFUND POLICY**

Students who apply to Withdraw from the University with in 5 days of paying for their course will be given a Full Refund for their Course Only. The Application For Admission Fee in Non-Refundable.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

- **GLU GRADING SYSTEM**

GRADE	DESCRIPTION	PRESENTAGES	GRADE POINTS
A	SUPERIOR	93-100	4.0
B	EXCELLENT	85-92	3.0
C	AVERAGE	77-84	2.0
D	BELOW AVERAGE	70-76	1.0
F	FAILING	0-69	0.0
W	WITHDREW		0.0
I	INCOMPLETE		0.0

- **GRADUATING WITH HONORS**

Summa Cum Laude: 3.90 – 4.00 cumulative GPA

Magna Cum Laude: 3.65 – 3.89 cumulative GPA

Cum Laude: 3.50 – 3.64 cumulative GPA

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Students must complete All required courses for their degree plan.
- 2) Students must maintain an average 2.0 or greater grade point average (GPA) on all course work.
- 3) All Tuition & Fees must be paid.
- 4) The Application for Admission must be completed and submitted to Dr. Gray prior to graduation.