

# Wisdom Shining Through The Church

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10 (English Standard Version)

Job 1:8 - Job was an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ living. Are we?

## Sinful Pasts Can Be Rehabilitated

- A. Some have a \_\_\_\_\_ view of human nature. "There's no \_\_\_\_\_ for you!" they say to those who've taken a wrong turn.
- B. The church demonstrates divine rehabilitation:
1. Ephesians 3:7 - God's \_\_\_\_\_ was needed to make him a \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Galatians 1:23,24 - The one who once tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the faith is now \_\_\_\_\_ it!
  3. 1 Corinthians 6:11 - They were once guilty of "advanced" \_\_\_\_\_; now they were \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

## Old Walls Can Be Torn Down

- A. Tearing down walls of prejudice:
1. Ephesians 3:4-6 - The \_\_\_\_\_ are now fellow \_\_\_\_\_, members of the \_\_\_\_\_ body.
  2. Acts 10:19-20,34-35 - \_\_\_\_\_ came to realize that God doesn't show \_\_\_\_\_. (*Neither should we.*)
  3. John 17:20,21 - When we are \_\_\_\_\_, we show a compelling argument to the \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is from \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ are not a thing of the past. Christians must rise to the \_\_\_\_\_ Christ has shown us.

## We Are Given The Stewardship Of Grace

- A. Christians are stewards of God's amazing grace:
1. Ephesians 3:1,2 - \_\_\_\_\_ had been given stewardship of God's grace to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. 1 Peter 4:10 - By using the \_\_\_\_\_ we've been given, we act as \_\_\_\_\_ stewards of God's varied grace.
  3. Colossians 4:6 - A powerful way to dispense grace is through our \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. John 1:14 - Jesus' life was full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We must ask, "What would \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_?"
- B. Is the world now more \_\_\_\_\_ to God's grace than ever?

Romans 12:2 - Let us \_\_\_\_\_ that God's will is \_\_\_\_\_.

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