

# Guarding the Gospel of Grace

Preserving Liberty in Christ



**June 1958  
A Wedding!**

**Mildred Jeter  
“Black” woman  
Richard Loving  
“White” man**



# What is Prejudice?

“Pre-judging” based on **External Characteristics**

According to James 2:1-9

it is **SIN!**

When it comes to prejudice ...

There is **Truth!**

There are **Emotional Issues!**

When it comes to prejudice ...

**Truth!** makes the decision clear

**Emotional Issues!** make the decision complicated

## Acts 17:24-26

God that made the world and all things therein ...

hath made **of one blood** all nations of men  
for to dwell on all the face of the earth ...

# All Human Beings

are descended from **Adam!**  
through **Noah's Family!**  
(Shem / Ham / Japheth)

**“Races”** are simply **Noah's children**  
who moved to different parts of the world

# Galatians 2:11-14

A case of **Prejudice** in the Gospel of Grace





# The Book of Galatians

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# Galatians 2:11-14

A **Crisis** in the Gospel of Grace (11-13)

A **Confrontation** in the Gospel of Grace (14)



# A **Crisis** in the Gospel of Grace

How **Peter** participated at first (12a)

# Table Fellowship



## Acts 11:2-3

And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, “Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them.”

# A **Crisis** in the Gospel of Grace

How **Peter** participated at first (12a)

How **Peter** withdrew later (12b)

How **Peter** feared the “circumcision” (12c)

**The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.**

**- Proverbs 29:25 (KJV) -**

**Peter reverted  
to his old actions!**



# A **Crisis** in the Gospel of Grace

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How **Peter** withdrew later (12b)

How **Peter** feared the “circumcision” (12c)

How **Peter** influenced others (13)



# Church Split



# Even **Barnabas!**

Barnabas **introduced Paul** in Jerusalem

Barnabas **preceded Paul** to Antioch

Barnabas **recruited Paul** from Tarsus

Barnabas **accompanied Paul** to Jerusalem

Barnabas **accepted with Paul** the right hand  
of fellowship

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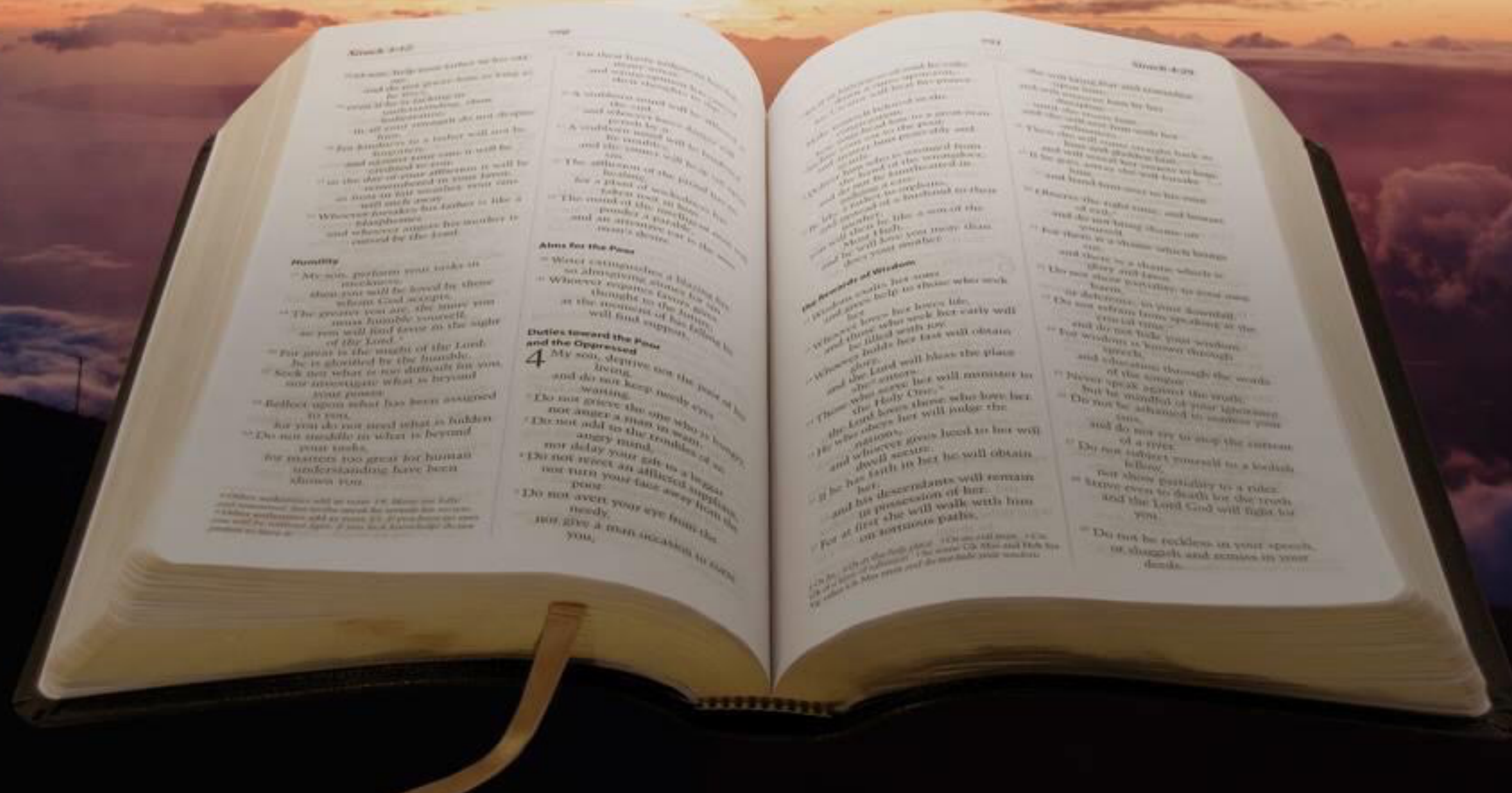
# A **Confrontation** in the Gospel of Grace

What **Paul** saw

**Walk a straight line**



# According to the truth of the Gospel



**Matthew 24:1-14**

11-12 And the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of the sky with power and great glory.

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**Humble**

15 My son, perform your tasks as if you were loved by those whom you serve, for you will be loved by them when you are accepted by God.

16 The greater you are, the more you must humble yourself, so you will find favor in the sight of the Lord.

17 For just as the Son of Man is glorified by the humble, so will you be glorified by the humble.

18 Seek not what is difficult for you, but what is beyond your power.

19 Reflect upon what has been assigned to you, for you do not need what is hidden from you.

20 Do not marvel at what is beyond your power, for many who have been entrusted with great authority have been shown to you.

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**Aims for the Poor**

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**Duties toward the Poor and the Oppressed**

21 My son, deprive not the poor of their living, and do not keep needy eyes waiting.

22 Do not grieve the one who is hungry, nor anger a man in want, angry mind.

23 Do not delay your gift to a needy man, nor turn your face away from the needy.

24 Do not avert your eye from the needy, for you will be blessed when you do.

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**The Rewards of Wisdom**

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What is the **Gospel**? (See 1:4)

Christ **gave Himself** for our sins  
to **deliver us** from this present world  
in **obedience** to the Father  
for the **glory** of the Father

# A **Confrontation** in the Gospel of Grace

What **Paul** saw

What **Paul** said

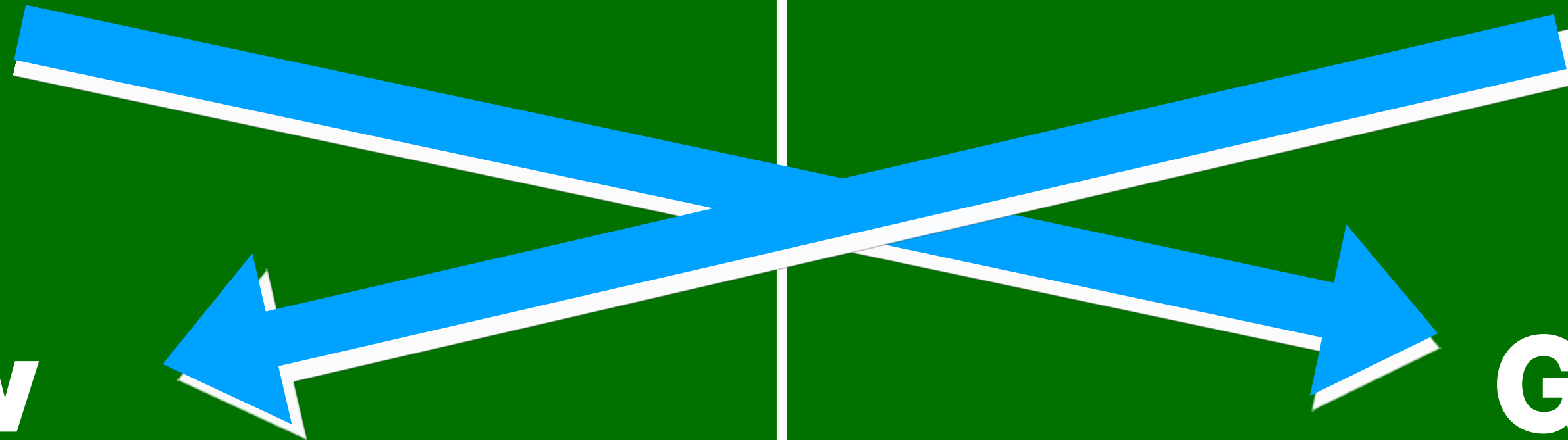


Jewish **Peter**

Gentile **Christians**

**Law**

**Grace**



# Two Key Words

## **“Dissembled”**

Hypocrisy / Theater Word / Wearing a Mask

## **“To Live as a Jew”**

Become a Jew / Turn Jewish

We are not talking about **Salvation**

Peter was **Saved**

Paul was **Saved**

Gentiles were **Saved**

Those from James were **Saved**

We are talking about **Prejudice!**

This was more than a clash between  
**Two Apostles**

This was a clash between  
**Christ and Culture**

**Peter** got the message!

Prophets ... prophesied of the **grace** ...

Hope to the end for the **grace** ...

Good stewards of the manifold **grace** ...

This is the true **grace** ...

Grow in **grace** ...

**“Racial” - Religious - Political - Cultural - Financial - Lifestyle - Etc.**



**How do you overcome prejudice?**

# How do you overcome prejudice?

“Racial” - Religious - Political - Cultural - Financial - Lifestyle - Etc.

Ephesians 4:22-24

Put On Truth!

Put Off Thoughts/Actions of Prejudice!

Renew your Mind about Emotional Issues!

**“Consequently we have to ascribe  
either nothing or everything  
to faith or to works.”**

*John Calvin*



# You can come to Christ

Regardless of your “**Racial**” background  
Regardless of your **Religious** background  
Regardless of your **Political** background  
Regardless of your **Cultural** background  
Regardless of your **Financial** background  
Regardless of your **Lifestyle** background  
**Etc.**

# Hymn #668

**“Dare to be a Daniel”**

