

Message.

Grace is receiving what we did not deserve. We do not deserve the Gospel, but because God is Love, He chose to grant us with this unrepayable gift of life and hope. Our obedience to God should be unwavering, but in this life, there are distractions that lead us astray. We can have confidence, however, in our obedience to God through assuring we are aligned with God's mission. Remember, God authenticates what is truly of Him. Are you seeing fruit from your life lived for God? Obedience to God ought not to be done for any reason other than out of response to who God is. We are saved by grace through faith alone, but we respond in repentance, faith, and obedience. We yield to Him and are filled with what we need to radically obey. Radical obedience is the correct response to a proper view of the Gospel. #bccBIGidea

Prayer.

Father,

You are gracious. You are worthy of all my praise. I owe you my whole self: my heart, soul, and mind. Fill my mind with thoughts of Your holiness. Fill my heart with Your love. Fill my soul with Your Spirit. I want to know You and love You with such passion that my every action brings honor and glory to You.

Let it be so.

Scripture.

Acts 5:12-42

Self-Reflection.

There's a lot of amazing things happening in this passage. Take a moment to process two questions:

- What do we learn about God?
- What do we learn about humans?

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I invite you to break down this statement into tangible action. To view the Gospel, we must first have a Biblical definition of the Gospel. Here are a few suggested passages to help define the Gospel: Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9-10; 10:13; John 3:16; Romans 1:16; 1 John 4:9

Once you have a Biblical definition of the Gospel, process the following question:

- More than a definition, what is a proper view of the Gospel?
- Is having a proper view of the Gospel something we know, or does it require action?

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Romans 12:1-2

- What is the correct and natural response to a proper view of the Gospel?
- What does it mean to radically obey?
- What does "radical obedience" look like for you?

Radical obedience can't be done on our own strength. Seeking to be more loving or more kind places us in a position of control instead of being the fruit of our devotion to God.

Read John 14:16-17 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Who must be involved in our lives for us to be radically obedient?
- How will continuous communication with God help with your radical obedience?
- How can you live a Spirit-filled, prayer-driven, radically obedient life?

Further Thought:

Look again at Acts 5:39. How does it make you feel knowing you've been invited to participate in something that is truly unstoppable? What makes it unstoppable? What role did the apostles and early disciples play in this unstoppable movement? How can you also play this role in your life?