

Evidences of Grace

We will see that looking for, and reporting evidences of grace is something the Bible commands us to do and is something that Jesus and the apostles participated in. The reason we need to do this is primarily because it helps us to see what God has done in Christ for us; it reveals the Gospel working in our lives.

Psalm 48:12-14 ESV

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever. He will guide us forever.

We should be looking for evidences of grace.

- Paul's Epistles – **1 Corinthians 1:4-8 ESV**
- Jesus – Revelation 2 & 3

Why should we look for evidences of grace?

Primarily, to see what God has done in Christ for us.

Secondarily, so we can build one another up in the faith: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

1 Corinthians 15:3 ESV

How do we look for evidence of grace?

- Psalm **48:12-13** ESV
- Fruit of the Spirit - **Galatians 5:22-23** ESV
- Heroes of faith – **Hebrews 12**
- Christ himself
- Beatitudes – **Matthew 5:2-12** ESV
- **Proverbs 31**

What do we do when we find evidence of grace?

1. Trace it back to God
 - a. **Psalm 48:13-14 ESV**
 - b. **1 Corinthians 1:4 ESV**
2. Communicate
 - a. To God in gratefulness
 - b. To others in gracefulness

What looking for grace is not.

- Blindness to sin
 - Paul, in his letters, addresses sin
 - Jesus, in Revelation, addresses sin
 - Isaiah 5:20 ESV
- Seeing grace in others provides the context for correcting sin, for admonishing and exhorting brothers and sisters

Mothers

- Great at seeing it in others
- Weak at seeing it in themselves

Application for Mother's

1. Realize that it is sin that prevents you from seeing it in your own life
 - a. John Newton - *"I am not what I ought to be, I am not what I want to be, I am not what I hope to be in another world; but still I am not what I once used to be, and by the grace of God I am what I am."*
2. Keep seeing grace in others
3. Gather grace-investigators around you – Hydrate

Application for the rest of us

1. See it in our mothers.
2. Trace it to God.
3. Communicate it.