

## Introduction – A Lesson from *The Lion King*

### I. Understanding Grace – The Basis of “Our Faith”

- Definition =

- Our Salvation is by Grace

*“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.”*

Ephesians 2:8-9

*“...He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit...”*

Titus 3:5

- **Our Spiritual Growth is by Grace**

*"I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?"*

Galatians 3:2-3

*"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age..."*

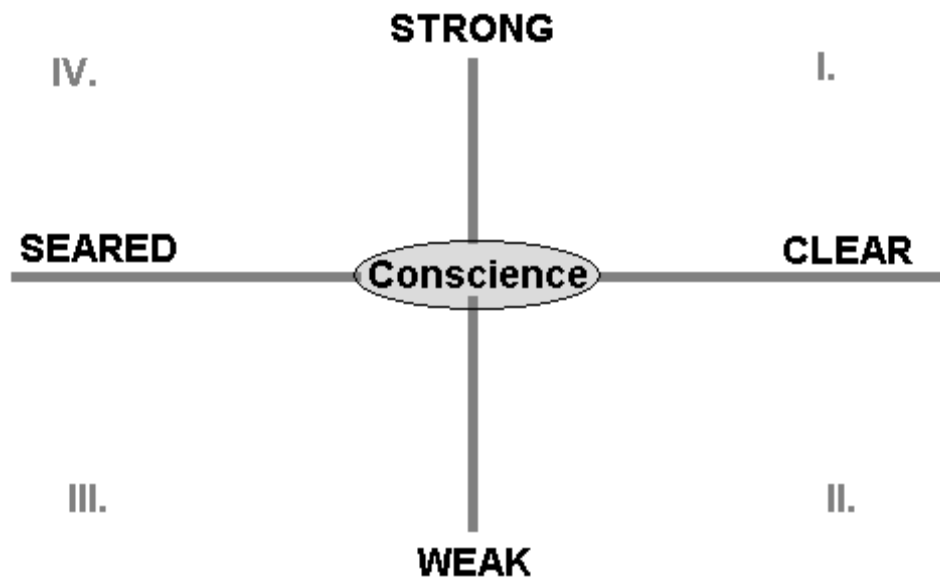
Titus 2:11-12

- **Getting a "Grasp" on Grace** Romans 3:21-28

- **Justification** = Our Legal Standing
- **Redemption** = Our Value Established
- **Propitiation** = Our Punishment Absorbed
- **Adoption** = Our Security Guaranteed
- **Reconciliation** = Our Acceptance Forever

- **Summary** = God's love, acceptance, forgiveness, and relationship with us is based solely on **grace**. Christ's finished work on the cross is the object of our trust/faith, not our personal performance.

## II. Understanding Guilt – The Basis of a “Good Conscience”



## **Conclusion – Two Questions:**

1. What is your faith “holding onto?”

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2. Do you have a good conscience?

## **Discussion Questions**

1. How did guilt affect “Simba” in the video clip from *The Lion King*? Share how this process has happened in your life.
2. Why is knowing the “truth” so important when it comes to experiencing God’s love?
3. What did you learn today about “grace” that could help you appreciate and enjoy God’s love more fully?
4. What did you learn about how our “conscience” works that could help you remove barriers in your relationship with Christ?
5. If appropriate, share how you answered the questions asked in the Conclusion of the message. Why?