

	Creation	Fall	Redemption	Consummation
Gospel of Grace	<p>God as creator and ruler</p> <p>Every human created in the image of God</p> <p>Rightly connected to God, creation and each other</p> <p>God's creation is good</p> <p>We're made to participate with Him in tending to His world</p>	<p>By Adam's fall sin entered the world and everything is affected</p> <p>Original sin - we are in bondage by virtue of Adam's sin imputed to us.</p> <p>Evil and brokenness in creation; sin entered our hearts. Fallenness in the world but also inside me.</p> <p>Broken relationships, disordered relating to God, others, even ourselves</p> <p>Solution is outside ourselves-need rescuing. The law cannot save us.</p>	<p>God provides rescue through the atoning life, death, resurrection of Jesus where we are given (imputed) not just forgiveness of sins, but Jesus' perfect record of righteousness--all that Adam failed to do, Jesus did perfectly, fulfilling the law.</p> <p>The Spirit quickens our hearts to see our need of a Savior, we are given the gift of faith to trust in Jesus' work on our behalf, and to savor God as supremely valuable.</p> <p>When we confess sin and accept this rescue, we become children of God. All the rights, privileges and resources of children become available to us. Our status and purpose change immediately. (Purpose = ambassadors)</p> <p>Our character and likeness change as we grow in love of and obedience to the Father.</p>	<p>God is restoring His creation. There is a new heavens and new earth to come.</p> <p>The conquering of sin, weakness, failure and death will be fully experienced.</p> <p>All things will be made new.</p> <p>All suffering will end</p> <p>Our joy will be complete in Him – forever!</p>
Implications for parent	<p>I am not my own</p> <p>My child is not my own</p> <p>Made for a relationship with God</p> <p>I am God's agent in creation</p> <p>Intended to have God given authority over my child even as God has authority over me.</p>	<p>I am a sinner, trying to shape a sinner in a sinful world</p> <p>Sin exists external to me, but is also in my own heart and shapes responses to my child</p> <p>We need rescue, as do those around us</p>	<p>The solution needed by my child, my family and myself is God, Himself.</p> <p>We were never meant to have the ability to deal with sin and change our hearts on our own.</p> <p>The resources of God are endless and abundant. And available to us!</p> <p>"Apart from me you can do nothing", says Jesus (Jn. 15:5)</p> <p>Continual opportunities to bring the gospel into my child's life. "Along the way"</p>	<p>Fear not -God is about His business.</p> <p>Take courage -God's Will is being accomplished.</p> <p>A greater reality is at work and awaits. The suffering of this life will be eclipsed.</p> <p>It is worth the work to be available to God for what He wants to do in us and through us.</p>
Implications for child	<p>My child is not his/her own; they live under authority; dependent</p> <p>My child is made with a purpose: for worship, relationship</p>	<p>My child lives in a broken world</p> <p>There's a big threat inside my child; sin that blinds and binds</p> <p>My child naturally believes the lies of self sufficiency and autonomy; fails to see need for God's authority and wisdom</p> <p>Like me, my child is in need of rescue</p>	<p>My child needs help recognizing/admitting need and understanding only source of rescue (Jesus)</p> <p>My child is unable to bring about lasting change of heart/behavior without engaging with God</p> <p>Needs encouragement that God's resources are available to call on</p>	<p>Obedience to God in this life will lead to the fullest life now and later</p> <p>The suffering/putting to death of self in this life will not last – temporary</p> <p>Gives hope</p>

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Grace Parenting

Warm Up Question: What is the goal of your parenting?

Quick Review:

Grace:

- Undeserved favor: takes the sinner and brings them to Jesus (past, saving grace)
- Power, practical helpfulness from God for daily living; “supernatural enablement” by the Holy Spirit who lives within us; His very presence in us. (present grace)

How Grace Changes our Parenting:

- God’s grace works to open your eyes to see yourself as a parent accurately
- God’s grace frees you from having to deny your weaknesses
- God’s grace rescues you from you
- God’s grace grows and changes you as a parent
- God’s grace works to make your heart tender
- God’s grace liberates you from the prison of regret

Law: God’s written commands given to his children

Uses of the law

- mirror (grace of conviction): reflects Christ’s righteousness, reveals our inability to live without fault, exposes sin
- Muzzle: restrains evil
- Map: (grace of wisdom) helps those in Christ understand what is pleasing to God, what is required and what is prohibited.

Responses to being confronted with God’s law

- Denial
- Cover it up
- Blame shift
- Despair and run from God
- Repent and run to God

Your children need God’s law, but you cannot ask the law to do what only grace can accomplish” Tripp

“You are more wicked than ever dared believe and yet, you are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than you ever dared hope.” Tim Keller

“God has designed that you would be a principal, consistent, and faithful tool in his hand for the purpose of creating God-consciousness and God-submission in your children. You can’t create this yourself, only God can, but you have been appointed to be an irreplaceable tool in his powerful hands” Tripp

Goal is to help our kids recognize their need for the rescuing work of Jesus and to turn to him for the transforming work needed in their hearts.

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?”
Jeremiah 17:9*

*But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.”
Matthew 15:18-20*

*But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.
James 1: 14-15*

*What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? 2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. 3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. 4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. 5 Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? 6 But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.
James 4: 1-10*

1. What is the relationship between our thoughts, passions, desires and our actions?
Where are the effects of sin at work in these relationships?
2. How is the heart characterized in these verses?

3. Look at the passage in James 4. What does scripture say is the remedy to the idolatry playing out in the hearts of the believers? (see verse 6) What is the role of grace?

4. How do we help our children access their hearts and allow the Holy Spirit room to work in leading them towards repentance?

“Lasting change in the behavior of your children (the thing all parents long for) will always travel through the pathway of the heart” Tripp

5 heart-revealing questions from Paul Tripp:

What was going on?

What were you thinking and feeling as it was happening?

What did you do in response?

Why did you do it?

What was the result?