

Grace-motivated living

Matthew 11:28-30; 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17 – Core value #4

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- I. **JESUS CALLS US TO A GRACE-BASED RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM (MATTHEW 11:28-30).**
- A. Come to me – Jesus invites those burdened by religious guilt and fear into a relationship with Him instead (11:28).
 - o *Weary and burdened* – Performance-based religion brings guilt and fear.
 - o *Rest* – Christ offers joy and freedom of full acceptance.
 - B. Take my yoke – Jesus invites us to learn to follow Him with the joy of His grace and power (11:29-30).
 - o *Yoke of learning* – We learn submission to Christ.
 - o *Gentle/lowly* – Christ is gracious and patient.
 - o *Rest for your souls* – The obedient enjoy peace.
 - o *Easy/light* – Obeying Christ is not burdensome because we love Him and have the Holy Spirit.
- II. **JESUS' SACRIFICE DRAWS US TO GRACE-MOTIVATED SERVICE FOR HIM (2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-15).**
- A. Compelled by love: Christ's love for us draws us to live selflessly for Him (2 Corinthians 5:14a).
 - B. He died/we died – We died with Christ so we are no longer who we were before we were saved (5:14b, 5:17).
 - C. He lives/we live – Grace motivates us to live for Him who was raised for us, not for ourselves (5:15).
- Core Value #4 – Grace** – We seek to worship and obey the Lord motivated by gratitude for God's undeserved kindness to us through Jesus Christ.