



Main point: Keep in Step with the New Creation

1. Community
2. Eschatology
3. The Cross of Christ

#1:

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

#2:

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

#3:

“We should take care not to derive the least portion of (our salvation) from anywhere else (but Christ). If we seek salvation, we are taught by the very name of Jesus that it is ‘of him’...If we seek strength it lies in his dominion; if purity, in his conception; if gentleness, it appears in his birth. For by his birth he was made like us in all respects that he might learn to feel our pain...In short, since rich store of every kind of good abounds in him, let us drink our fill from this fountain, and from no other.”

John Calvin

#4:

“So, who needs grace? All of us, the saint as well as the sinner. The most conscientious, dutiful, hardworking Christian needs God’s grace as much as the most dissolute, hard-living sinner. All of us need the same grace. The sinner does not need more grace than the saint, nor does the immature and undisciplined believer need more than the godly, zealous missionary. We all need the same amount of grace because the “currency” of our good works is debased and worthless before God...Grace does not take into account merits or demerits at all. Rather, grace considers all men and women as totally undeserving and unable to do anything to earn the blessing of God.”

Jerry Bridges

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