

SYNOPSIS

The ACTUAL GRACE talk, presents to the candidate the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who by His transforming power to each of us as individuals, enables us to live the Christian life.

P R E F A C E

The material included in these pages, is meant to give you something as a basic help in your presentation of the ACTUAL GRACE talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This is the fourth talk of the first day, and it needs to focus on God's (Holy Spirit) activity in our lives through Scripture, prayer, worship, Sacraments, and people; these make His love and forgiveness personal and real. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all of the supporting Scripture passages, then choose those passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo, please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. The amount of time allotted for this talk is a maximum of 40 minutes.

There are a fevi additional materials listed that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression.

God's blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of the ACTUAL GRACE rollo.

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to talk.* →

I. Introduction

Give introduction of oneself.

The purpose is to give the candidates a look into your life to help them identify with you as a real person. Some personal experiences of actual grace interspersed with humor can be helpful.

II. Relationship of "Habitual Grace" to "Actual Grace"

A. Habitual Grace - pick up on the definition used by person giving this Rollo.

H. Actual Grace

1. "Actual" - Webster - "Involving acts or actions" 2. "Grace" - Webster - "Favor, kindness, mercy"

. Actual Grace is God's "favor, kindness, mercy" experienced in very specific "acts and/or actions".

4. Actual Grace is how we experience God.

a. Very personal

b. Very practical (Just mention, will say more later)

5. Actual Grace is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives

a. John 15:26

b. John 16:13 c. Eph. 2:8,9 (1) Faith is a gift of grace

(2) Grace becomes real to us when accepted.

(Emphasize need to personally accept)

Why_ Is God's Grace Necessary?

A. We were created to live in harmony - right relationships with God, self, others and nature.

1. That's the way it was in the beginning. Genesis 2:15-25 (The whole concept of being naked and not ashamed - perfect harmony - perfect relationships).

2. That is the way it will be again. Pictorially portrayed in Revelation 21:1-4

B. Harmony - right relationships - are broken through sin

1. Adam and Eve - Genesis 3

(Naked, ashamed, tried to hide from God)

2. We live in disharmony - broken relationships - due to sin a.

Romans 3:23 "All have sinned..."

b. Romans 6:23 "The wages of sin..."

Note: The primary purpose of III B is to make a strong, clear Biblical case for humanity's total inability to experience right relationships with God, self, others, nature.

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- C. Harmony - right relationships - come only through God's grace
1. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 "For by grace..." 2. Romans 6:23b "God's free gift..." D. Even "Good Works" are totally dependent upon grace

1. Phil. 2:13 - The motivation and resources come from God
2. John 15:5 - Everything we are and do comes from God

- E. God requires perfection - Mt. 5:48

IV. How is God's Grace Experienced?

- A. Through the Holy Spirit - Romans 8:14-17

- B. Through the Scriptures - Psalm 119:105

- C. Through Prayer - Matthew 7:7-11

- D. Through Worship

1. The Sacraments

2. Christian fellowship

- E. Through Others

1. Serendipity, surprise occasions
2. Their presence and prayers
3. Through "Palanca"

(Introduce Palanca)

V. Our Response to Grace

- A. Only appropriate response is gratitude!

1. Never a duty - always a privilege!

2. Mary anointing Jesus' feet - Luke 7:3bff a

. Forgiven m-.icfii -- loves much

b. Forgiven little - loves little

8. Gratitude issues in service - Palanca

1. Jesus - "I did not come to be served but to serve".
2. Jesus washes His disciples feet - John 13
3. Application - John 13:15-17

YOU WILL BE BLESSED IF..

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