

# *Habitual Grace*

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## 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 HABITUAL GRACE talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This talk is the second talk of the first day and it needs to focus on the nature of God - God who is the prime mover in the story of His relationship to mankind. 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 few 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 HABITUAL GRACE rollo.

### SYNOPSIS

The HABITUAL GRACE talk is meant to present to the candidate, Christianity as a personal relationship with God. Responding, by God's grace, to His invitation to such a relationship, is to accept God's ideal for living life to its fullest.



## #2 HABITUAL GRACE

### I. Introduction

- A. Grace is the highest of all ideals - it's God's ideal
- B. It's the very nature of God without reservation, to love His people; it's His habit. I John 4:8-16

God invites us to a relationship of friendship. It's a relationship with Himself through Christ so that we can be totally all we're intended to be.

(Emphasize that what we share is not something new, we're rehearsing the message you've heard and experienced before.)

### II. God's Invitation

- A. To wholeness - fully human - fully alive. I Peter 2:24, II Cor. 5:21
- B. That we have a relationship with Him Gen. 3:9  
God is looking for us. He knows all about us and still loves us even when we are the most unlovely. Ps. 139:8, Eph. 2:4-5
- C. God's favorite word is "Come".  
Isaiah 55:1-3, Matt. 11:28-30, Isaiah 1:18, Matt. 19:21, Rev. 22:16-17, John 6:37

### III. God's 'Problem'

- A. God cannot condone sin Lev. 19  
He is holy - without sin - Ps. 99:9  
He has a righteous nature - is perfection
- B. God cannot ignore sin  
Gen. 6:6, Hab. 1:13, Matt. 5:48, Gen. 1-3
- C. God refuses to fellowship with sin  
Isaiah 59:2
- D. God is pained by our sin  
Matt. 23:37-39, Isaiah 49:13-18, Gen. 6 and the prophet Hosea

Tzeltzal Indian tribe translation for John 3:16: "For God so hurt in His heart"

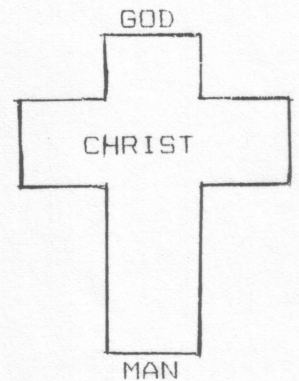
### IV. God's Solution

He reconciles us to Himself through Christ II Cor. 5:17-21 (TEV)

- A. Is Love....GRACE Gen. 3:15, John 3:16-17, John 10:10, Eph. 2:8-9  
His offering time and again His gift of love and relationship to His people - it's uniquely seen in the person of Christ.

Illustrate - God provides the bridge that makes a relationship with Him possible.

- yellow ribbon round  
the old oak tree
- boat illustration--  
I made you,  
I bought you,  
twice mine.



B. Was Costly

Grace defined - God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense

Romans 5:8-11, Isaiah 53

V. God's Desired Ideal For Us

- A. That we receive His gift of Grace - Heid. Cat. Q & A 20  
Eph. 2:8-9, I John 3:23
- B. That man places his trust in the trustworthiness of God -  
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