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Msg. 10: The Character Of Grace!

Galatians 5:16-26

I. Introduction: What Type of Character Do You Want?

A. Galatians 5:19-21: The Character of the _____

B. Galatians 5:22-23: The Character of _____

II. How do we experience the character of Grace?

A. We need to understand the two _____ forces in our lives:

1. Galatians 5:17: “The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.” (NLT)
2. When the sinful nature is entertained in our lives we find ourselves in a “_____ - _____” situation. Romans 7:14-15

B. We need to learn how to walk in (by, according to, after) the _____: Galatians 5:16; Galatians 5:24-26; Romans 8:1

“...and they commanded the people, saying, When you see **the ark of the covenant** of the Lord your God, and the priests, the Levites, bearing it, then you shall set out from your place and go after it. Yet **there shall be a _____ between you and it**, about two thousand cubits by measure. **Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you must go, for you have not passed this way before.**” Joshua 3:3-4

III. **Three Keys** To Walking According To The Spirit: Heb. 9:2-4

“...the Sanctuary...the Holiest of All, which had the golden censer and the **ark of the covenant**...in which were the **golden pot that had the manna, Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant.**”

A. Aaron’s Rod that budded:

1. Don’t get ahead of God’s _____ in our lives!: Numbers 17:5, 10
2. God places authority in our lives for our _____ and _____ (Romans 13:1-6). When we have a submissive heart...we cultivate the Character of Grace. When we rebel, move beyond God’s authority in our lives...we cultivate the character of the flesh.

B. The Tablets of the Covenant:

1. Don’t get ahead of God’s _____ to our lives!
2. The Tablets of Stone were the words of the Covenant between God and Israel (and all mankind). They represent the Character of Grace as lived out in our practical lives.
3. The purpose of God’s Word was not to create a pathway or a system to try and reach God, but it is the _____ for living by Grace to those who have been established as God’s children by Grace through Faith. Living by God’s Word cultivates the Character of Grace. Exodus 19:4-5; II Peter 1:4

C. The Golden Pot of Manna:

1. Don’t get ahead of God’s _____ for our lives!
2. God has promised to provide all our needs (Matthew 6:32-34; Philippians 4:19). Yet, when we move beyond our needs, beyond God’s provisions for our lives, we enter into _____ sin...we slide back toward the “character of the flesh: James 4:13-15; Psalms 19:13