

Self-Confrontation

Matthew 7:1-5

Part 1

January 6 ~ March 31

Hobson Auditorium

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Week 4

Man's Way and God's
Way (Part 2)

Catch Up

**Lessons 1: You Can Change
Biblically (Part 1)**

**Lesson 2: You Can Change
Biblically (Part 2)**

**Lesson 3: Man's Way and
God's Way (Part 1)**



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Key Concept: Lasting Biblical Change

1. **LASTING**
2. **BIBLICAL**
3. **CHANGE**

Lasting: Not Temporary

Biblical: Not Worldly

Change: Not Coping

Man's Way and God's Way

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Four Foundational Truths About the New Birth

1. A new relationship with God,
2. Divine empowering now available to live the Christian life,
3. A new purpose for living, and
4. A new plan for spiritual growth. (SCSWB-23)

The Sufficiency of Scripture

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| Perfect----- | > Restoring the Soul |
| Sure----- | > Making Wise the Simple |
| Right----- | > Rejoicing the Heart |
| Pure----- | > Enlightening the Eyes |
| Clean----- | > Enduring Forever |
| True----- | > Righteous Altogether |

The Bible is adequate

The Holy Spirit is necessary

Prayer is vital



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You must ask yourself, “Where do these ideas come from?” and “What are the presuppositions on which these ideas are built?”

You need to ask, “Where is the focus on this view, and where is it headed?”

1 John 4:1-4

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; 3 and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

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Be A Berean

Acts 17:10-12

The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so. 12 Therefore many of them believed, along with a number of prominent Greek women and men.

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The Basics of Knowing God's Way (SCM-77)

- A. Test the spirits to determine if they are from God and if they sincerely and wholeheartedly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ (1 John 4:1-3).
- B. Check the foundation/basic premises (1 Corinthians 3:10-11; Colossians 2:8).
- C. Identify the source of authority, which must be the word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Hebrews 4:12).

*** Four Authorities: Reason, Experience, Tradition, Scripture**

We must not be misled by the wisdom of man, even when it seems to offer portions of God's truth. (SCWB-W45)

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Basic Approaches to Solving Personal Problems

*See SCM-74

Basic View of Man



Cause of Problems



Cure



Technique



Terminology



Focus

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Case Study: Jack and Diane

Jack is a Christian and faithful husband. He loves his wife and their 2 sons. To pay the bills, John has begun working a demanding job which requires him to put in 50-60 hours per week. His boss pressures him daily to make his quota of Sales, often threatening to fire John if he does not perform. In addition, 3 of John's co-workers are in direct competition with him and regularly chide him for his struggle to close deals. When John comes home at the end of the day, his wife Diane is often frazzled from corralling their rambunctious kids. Most nights Jack walks in the front door to the screams of his sons' fighting over toys and Diane immediately "blows off her steam" by recounting the details of her difficult day.

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Over recent months, Jack has begun to retreat to his workroom as soon as he can to escape the stress of his home. Jack spends his time building model airplanes. Meanwhile, Jack's wife has been pressuring him to spend more time with the kids, fix the leaky faucet, and clean up the yard.

Last night, Jack came home, entered his workroom, and found that one of the kids broke his nearly complete Air Force One model replica. Jack explodes in anger, screams at the kids, sends them to the bed without dinner, and slams the workroom door for the night.

What has gone wrong? What caused Jack to explode?



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What's to blame?

Upbringing?

Circumstances?

Financial hardship?

Overworked?

Tired?

Pressure from the boss/co-workers?

The Devil?



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The Basics of Biblical Change

1. The Problem: Rebellion of Heart in Sin
2. The Solution: The Grace of God in Christ
3. The Result: Worship

The Forbidden Proverb:

**'The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge'?
(Ezekiel 18:2b)**

God tells us that the **CAUSE OF PROBLEMS** is that man is rebellious, unbelieving, and disobedient; and denies God's power.

Therefore, God's **CURE** to man's problem is first, salvation, then walking in His way through the empowering of the Holy Spirit.



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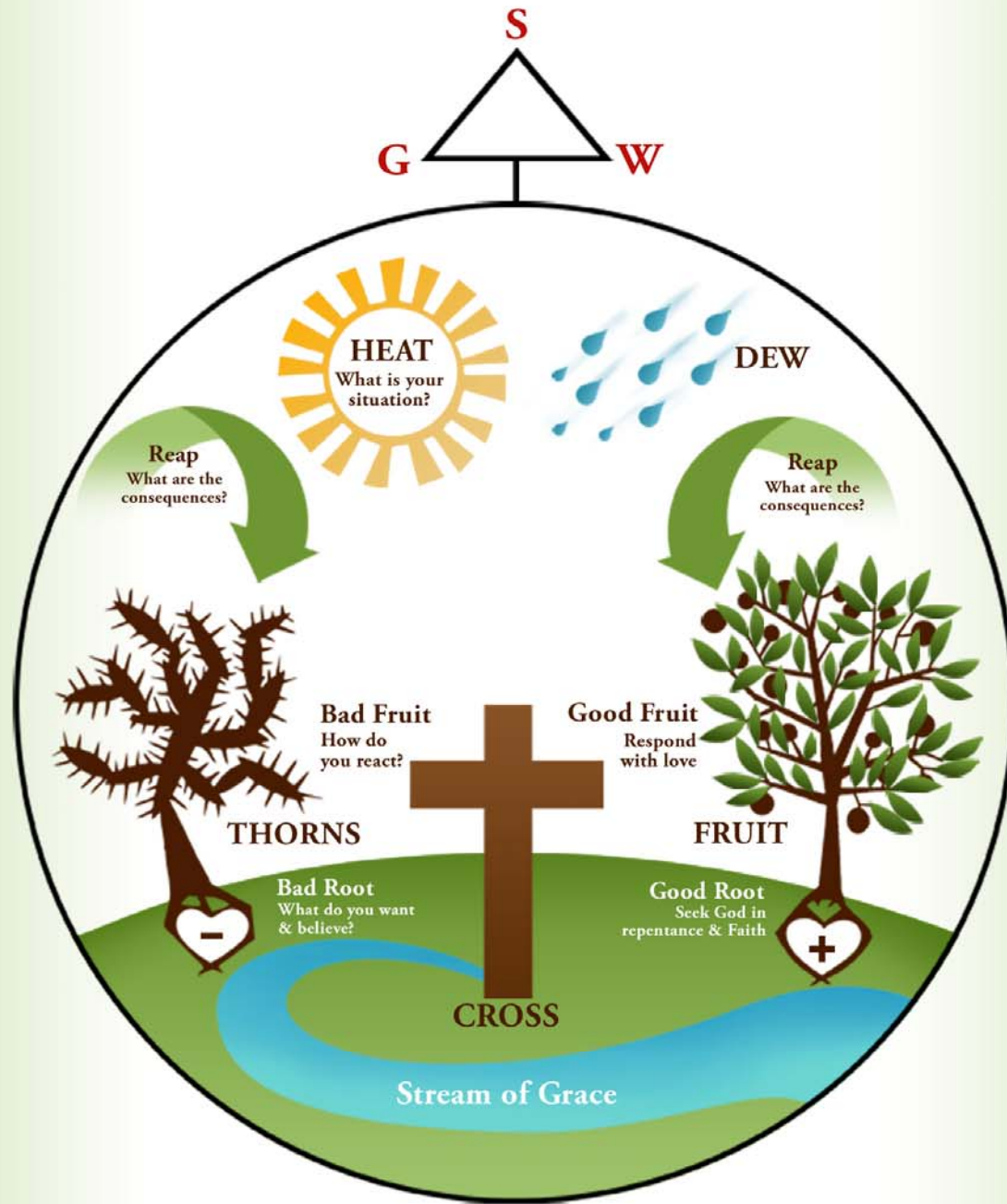
Grace:

-is God's unmerited favor which accomplishes your salvation

-is God's unmerited help which accomplishes your sanctification

Hebrews 4:14-16

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as *we are*, yet without sin. 16 Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.



Redeemer
 Who is God and what does he say and do in Christ?

*diagram adapted by Robert D. Jones from Paul David Tripp, Timothy Lane, How People Change.



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Who needs grace?:

The mother frazzled over her disobedient children.

The student anxiously cramming for final exams.

The husband out of work with bills piling up.

The pimple-faced teenager who is afraid to be seen.

The 20-something admitted to the psych ward for depression.

The single man who craves a wife.

The elderly woman shut in a poorly run nursing home.

The wealthy tycoon who has everything and yet wants more.

The homeless man who is tempted to steal food.

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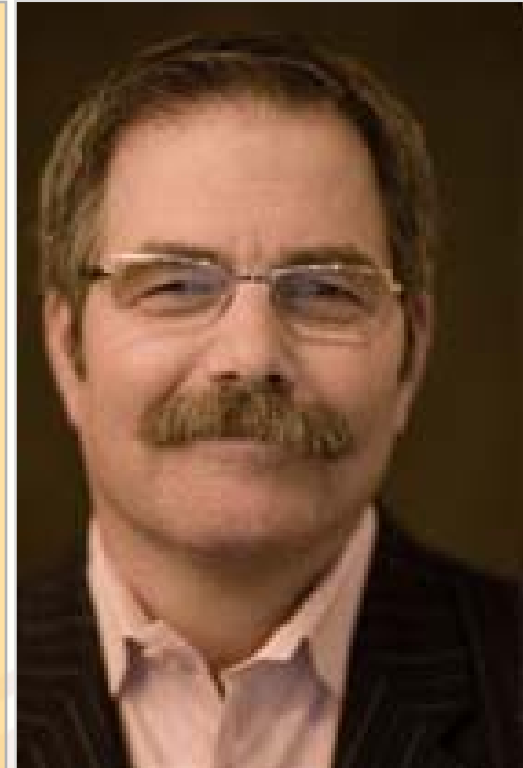
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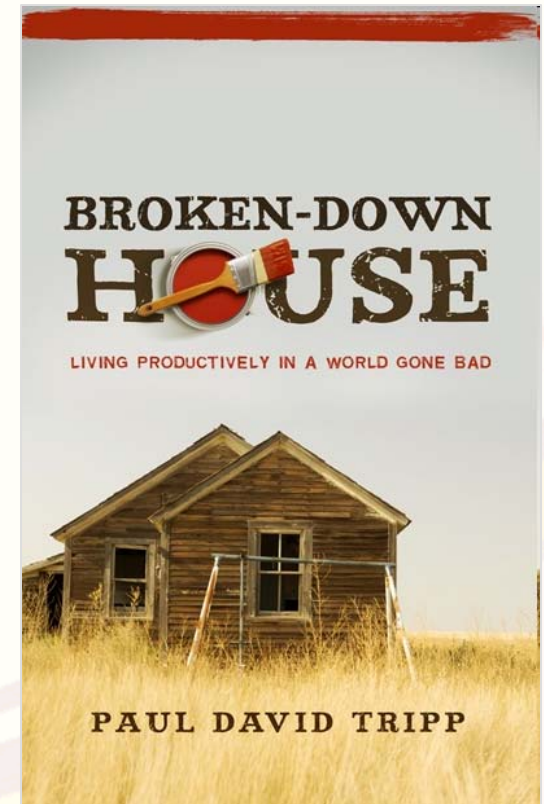
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Think about this...

Everyone experiences the heat of a fallen world. However, the world's heat doesn't determine our fruit. Our active hearts bear thorns or fruit.

What heat are you under this week?

What are you bearing?

How can you specifically pray for grace?

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For Next Week:

No Class Due to Pastor's Conference

***Complete Lesson 5
for
February 10***