



Sukdulang Biyaya!

EXABABALL GRACE

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REVEALING OUR NEW NATURE (BY ZACH BUNYE)

- What is our new nature? **Ephesians 2:8-10** – God created a new nature in us for good works.
- Works:
 - Before the cross – man’s attempt to pay for their sins.
 - a. Problem: Gives man an idea that he can save himself, making them self-righteous.
 - b. What man fails to realize is that the animal sacrifices and works as payment for their sins is a preview of the finished work of Jesus Christ at the cross.
 - After the cross – good works that we should just walk in them.
 - a. Read verse 10. It says SHOULD walk in them.
- QUESTION: Are these good works to maintain salvation?
ANSWER: CERTAINLY NOT. We cannot add to what Christ has done at the cross.
- When Jesus died on the cross, He made an overpayment for our past, present, and even future sins.
- **Romans 11:6** – But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise, grace would no longer be grace.
- We cannot work for our salvation. We cannot maintain our salvation by good works.
- Good work is the product of salvation. We were made to do good work.
- **Genesis 1:26**
 - We reflect His goodness and character.
 - But not every good work is equal; only the good work in Christ is accepted by God.
 - Because sin came into the frame, *naging* distorted *yung* image. But because of what Christ has done at the cross, our image has been restored and continually be transformed into His image.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17** - The moment we repent and receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, our old nature “sinful nature” died with Jesus at the cross and when He was raised, we were raised with Him. He gave us a new nature.
- The question that we should ask is not “what is our new nature” but “who is our new nature”?
So, WHO IS OUR NEW NATURE? It is JESUS CHRIST.
- **Galatians 2:20** – We have Jesus’ faith. It’s Christ who lives in us.
- **1 John 3:9** – God has given us a new nature; we no longer have our sinful nature that was slave to sin. God has given us Christ's nature; we are no longer bound to sin.
- We now have the ability to say no to sin. And to do what is pleasing to the Lord.
- Our new nature empowers us to do good works.
- Now, the good works that we do are not of our own works, but it is a partnership with Jesus.
- **Matthew 11:28-30** (read in The Message Translation) – He will give you rest.
- Once we are in partnership with Him, we will learn to live freely and lightly.
- *Ang sinasabi ni Jesus dito* is to live your new life with Him, walk with Him, abide in Him. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.
- *Pag naintindihan natin ang* rhythms of grace, good works become a lifestyle rather than an effort.
- This is what it means to be born again: To live a life of the Spirit! *Nung tinanggap natin si Jesus, hindi lang ang nature Niya ang nakuha natin*, we also received a new Spirit! And that is the Holy Spirit!
(1 Corinthians 6:19)
- In **Galatians 5**, Paul says that the Spirit has Fruit and those Fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control.

- But how do we cultivate it? *Paano ba magbubunga to sa buhay natin?*
Jesus has an answer – **John 15:4-5** – Follow Me, follow my commands.
- When Jesus says abide in me, *hindi Niya sinasabi lang na manatili kayo sa Akin*. What He is saying is follow Me, follow my command; love who I love, hate what I hate (Ex. sin).
- **John 15:7-8** – The Father is glorified when we bear much fruit.
- When we abide in Christ, automatic we bear fruit and God is glorified.
- THIS IS WHAT WE WERE MADE FOR: To do Good Works out of the overflow of the LOVE, SPIRIT, and the EXABABALL GRACE of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- OUR NEW NATURE is to do good works and bear fruits.
- **John 14:12** – Jesus is with the Father but He is using us to do good works. (Ex. Being a friend to a sinner; setting an example to others) What He does, we do.
- In the letters of Paul, he kept encouraging the church to do good deeds.
- **Titus 3:8** – those who believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.
- Why is that? Because this is our evidence that our salvation is real that there was an actual Divine Exchange performed in us.
- Good works to prove I am your son, now becomes good works because I am your son.
- When God reflects His light on us, we are reflecting it to other people, His character and goodness.
- Jesus says we are the light of the world.
- **Matthew 5:16** – Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
- The light we receive and good works are from God, not our own.
- What are good deeds and good work? It is to live a Christ-like life. Living a Christian lifestyle not just when you are at church, *pati sa bahay ninyo*.
- We are representatives of Christ. We are reflecting His goodness to the world giving them a glimpse of Christ in this world. *Talagang* to live is Christ. To be more like Him. To know more about Him, this is the Christian lifestyle.
- Spirit + Soul + Body
 - But since we still have flesh, and our flesh has been trained all these years in these sin habits influencing the soul area.
 - But now that we have the Spirit of the Lord to influence the soul, the question is: What are you feeding your soul?
 - Because if you are feeding the soul more and more of the Word of God, the body has no power over your soul because the spirit and soul are in harmony.
- Therefore, we walk in the Spirit.
- In **Galatians 5:25**, Paul says if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.
- We already live in the Spirit the moment we believed in Jesus. But walking in the Spirit is a choice we have to do everyday!
- How? By constantly feeding on the Word of God, listening to the Word of God.
- Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.
- So let's start living out our New Nature: Christ Nature.

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