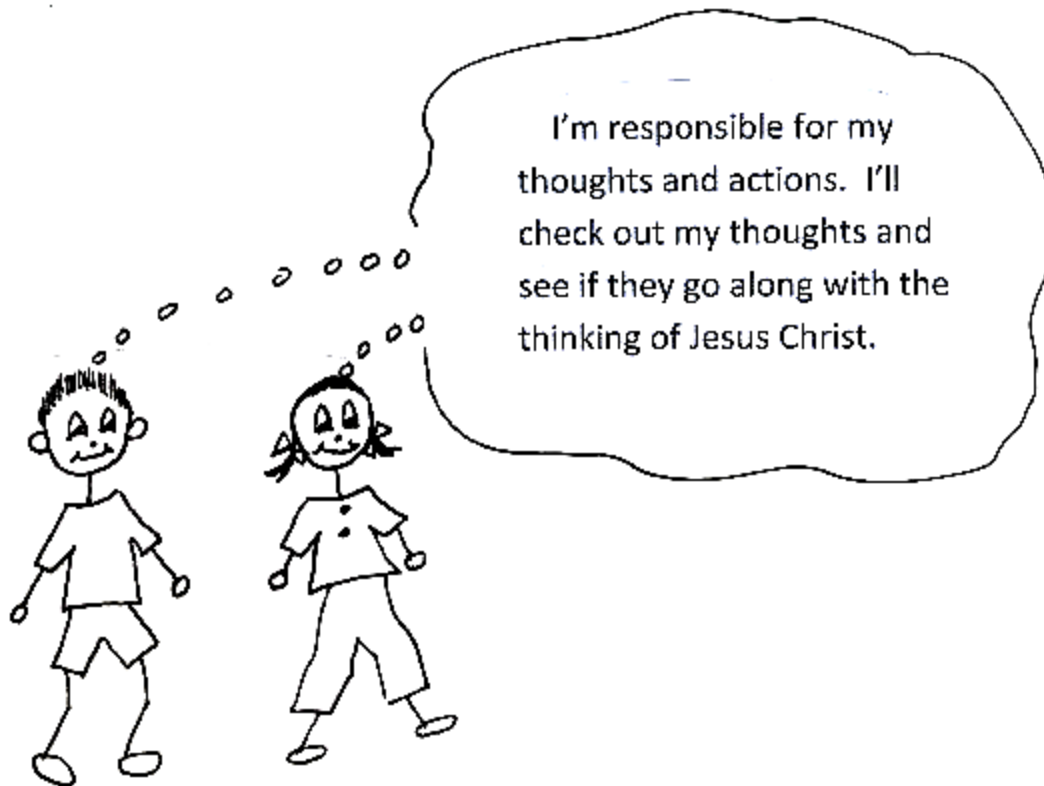


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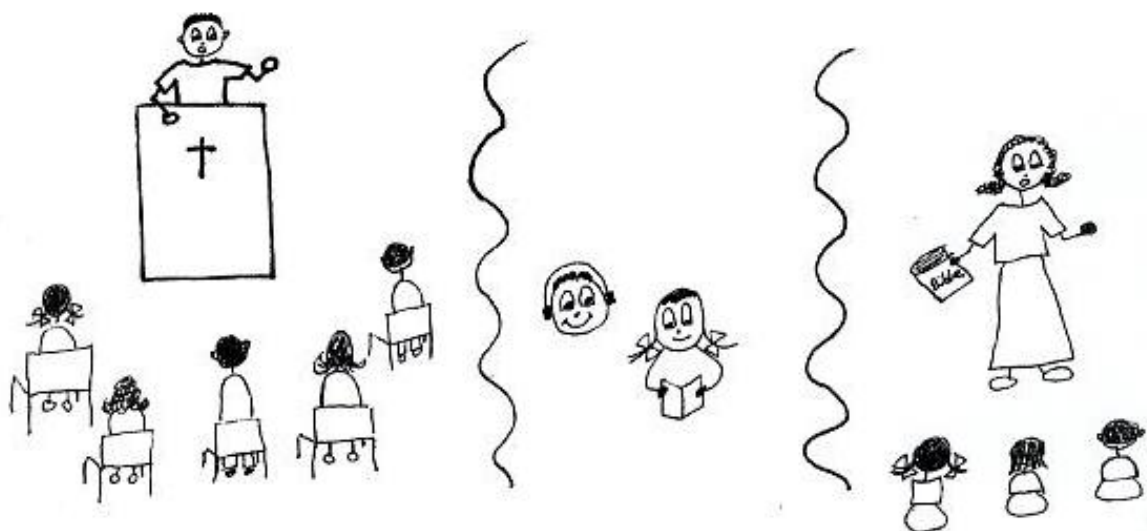
God wants us to take complete responsibility for our thoughts and actions. He doesn't want us to blame others! He wants us to keep our thinking on divine viewpoint, the Lord Jesus Christ. * Our actions will follow our thinking. We are to use Christ's thinking, Bible doctrine, to examine or look carefully at our own thinking. The Word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, shows us the truth of what is going on in our souls. God knows what's on our minds and where we need to grow. He wants us to check and see if our thoughts go along with His. He wants us to be responsible for what we think and do!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Focus On The Great Shepherd, Part 1*



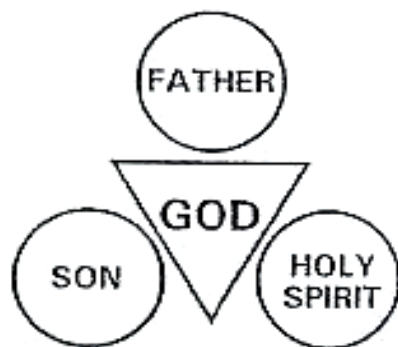
2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

Bible doctrine shows us our mistakes and our responsibility. If we take responsibility for our mistakes the doctrine delivers us from our misery! Awesome! God's Word tells us what parts of God's grace, His love and favor, we are using and what parts we aren't using. It is not to put us down and make us feel guilty; it is to free us from our human viewpoint and let us see God's viewpoint. If we feel condemned and guilty, we are listening to our old sin natures, the cosmic system and Satan. God wants us to listen to His Word and see if we are living in His grace plan for our lives. He gives us the way to get rid of our handicaps! That's His responsibility!



Romans 8:1-2 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

Spiritual sickness means our thinking is out of order! When this happens we need a dose of God's grace to heal us!* We need to relax, knowing God will heal us. Through the power of the Holy Spirit and Bible doctrine He will deliver us from our old ways and bring us back to peace! God's Word will bring us relaxation - a relaxed mental attitude! If we live with Bible doctrine in our thinking, we will live by grace - grace orientation.** We'll be getting out of our own way and letting God have His way - grace! If we get out of God's way, grace becomes a pipeline for blessing!



GOD IS FOR US!

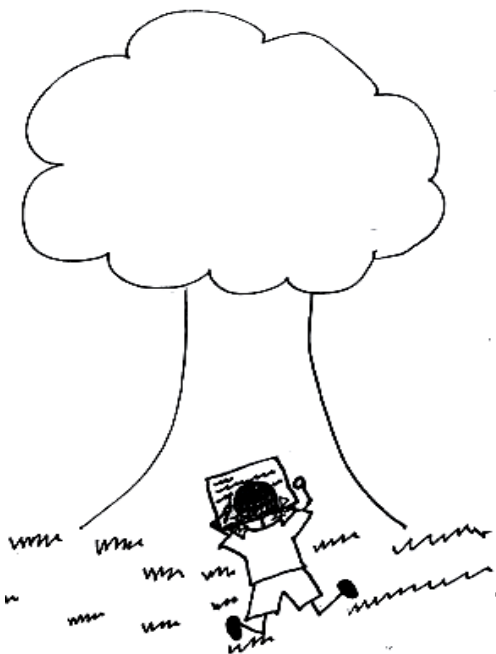
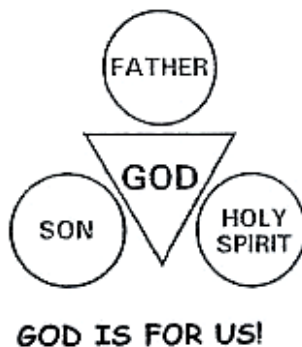
So, move aside for God!

*Go to allaboardgodstrain.org and read *Leaning On God's Grace* and ***Problem Solving Device #4 -GRACE ORIENTATION.*

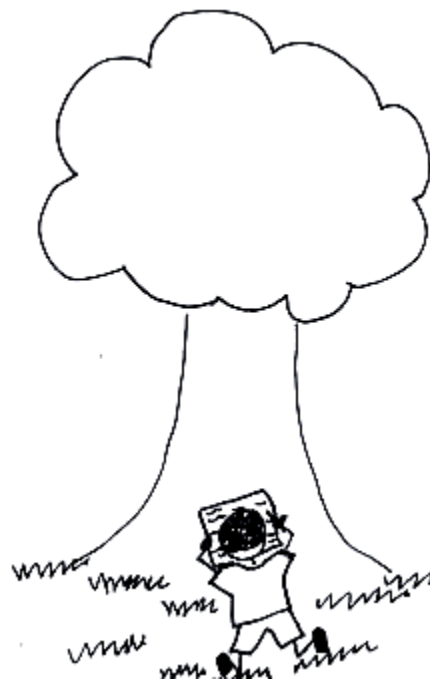


Psalm 46:10 Cease [being in the way of God's grace] and know [be grace oriented]that I am God;

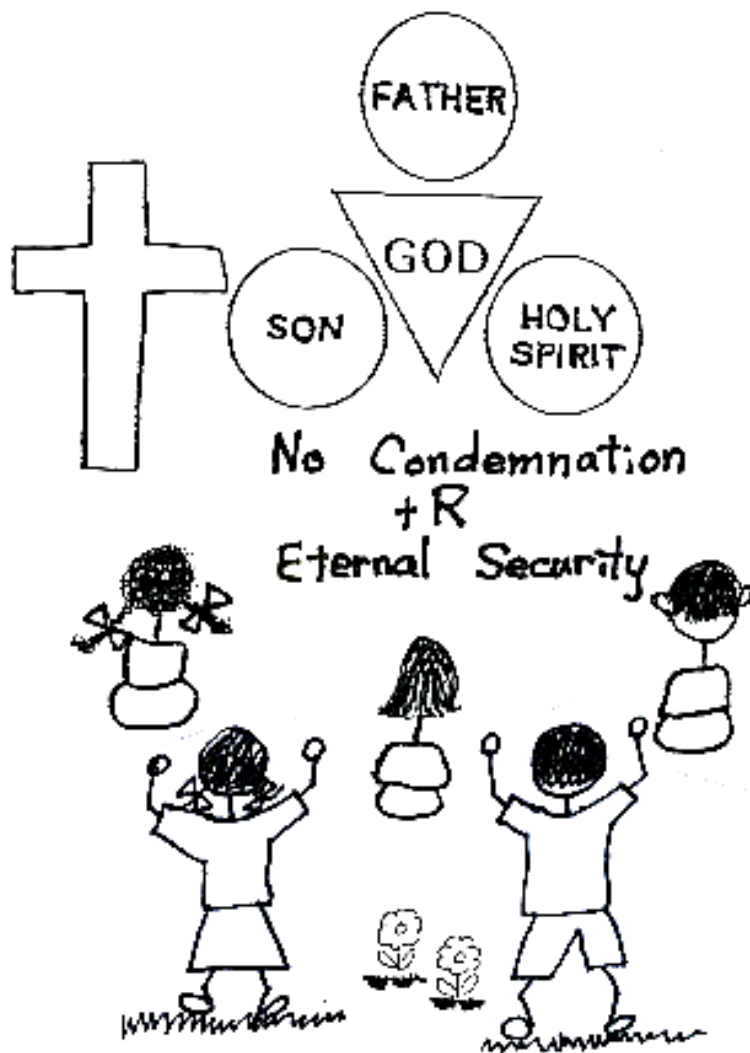
Only grace can exalt, praise highly or glorify God! God does the work (and it is a big job), we receive the benefits and He gets the praise! We can relax! Sometimes it is difficult for people to accept the fact that salvation is totally free!* They can't believe that God's grace is totally free - no strings attached! They think that if they did what God did they would want something in return! This kind of thinking gets in the way of God's grace plan and sticks people in dysfunction junction. They try to reform themselves (impossible for them to do) instead of relying on God, His grace and timing. God doesn't expect payback. He wants to do the job and show us His grace!



2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed [divine good].



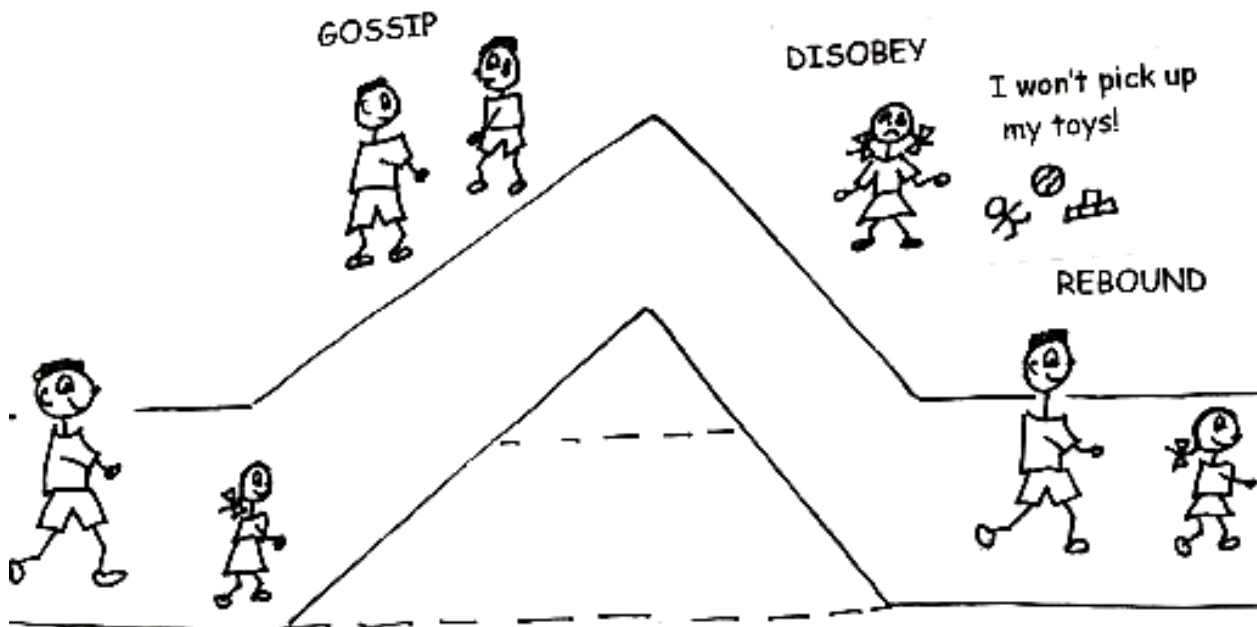
If something is off in our spiritual lives it is because we are not using God's grace. Sometimes we get scared when God shows us our mistakes. We look at them through our eyes - guilt and condemnation - instead of through God's eyes - GRACE AND LOVE! Jesus Christ already paid the price for all of our mistakes! God has the power to change us in our thinking. He can show us how to look at the solution, Bible doctrine, not the problems, our mistakes. When we focus on our mistakes we aren't using God's grace and forgiveness!



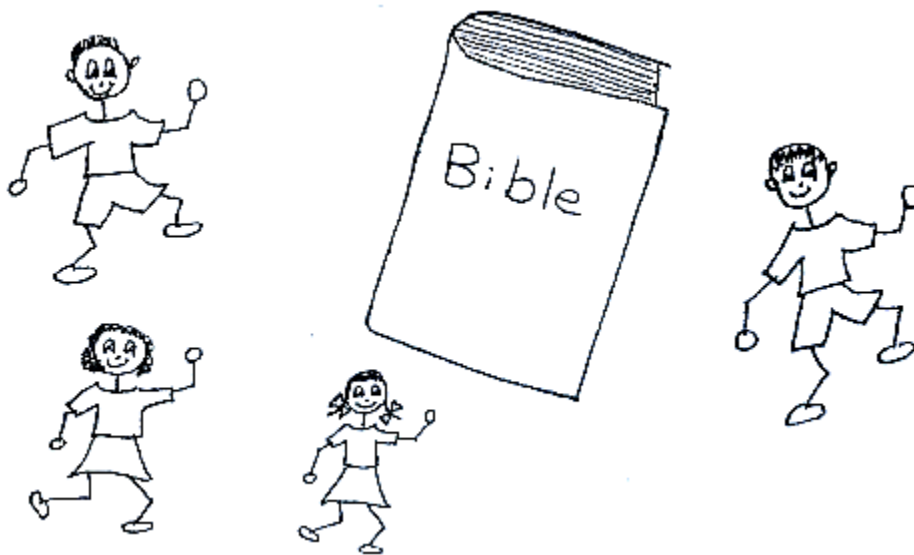
Psalm 55:22 Cast [throw] your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never allow the righteous to be shaken.

David (1 Chronicles 21:1-17) and Jonah (Jonah 1:1-17) are two people who made big mistakes but repented or changed their thinking for the better; in humility, they took the responsibility for their mistakes. They relied on God's power and grace to deliver them. God is looking for us to take the responsibility for our mistakes and use His power and grace so He can deliver us! We will fail, but we don't have to let the failures tie us up! We just have to take responsibility for them, rebound* and let God deliver us! We have to accept God's grace for us!

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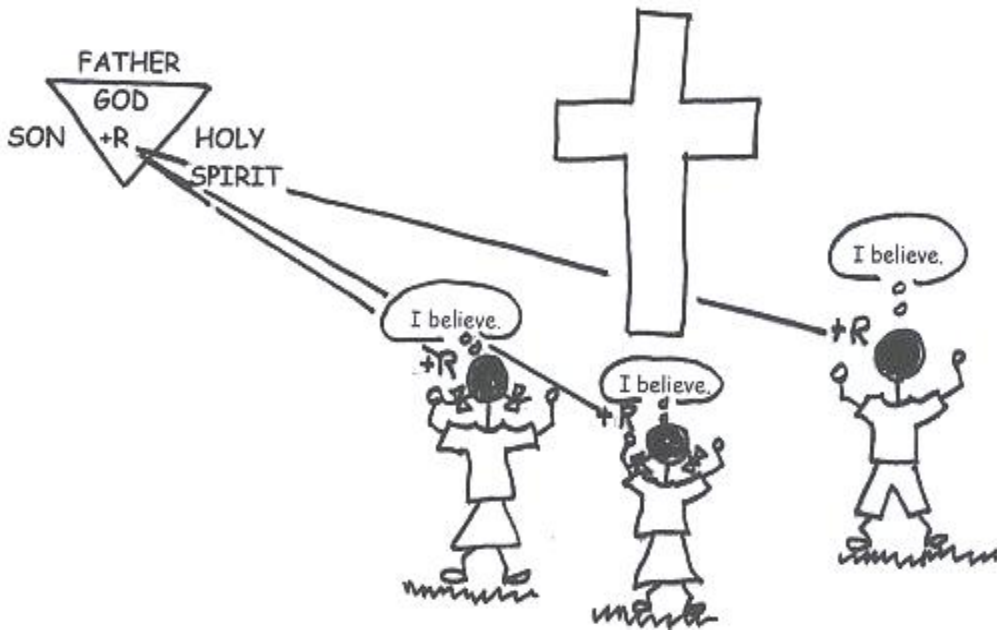
God promises He will give us the doctrine we need before we come to the danger zones if we are positive to His Word. To prevent pitfalls and to be spiritually healthy we need Bible doctrine in our souls. We need to consistently learn His Word! This wisdom will help us to avoid the traps of our old sin nature, the cosmic system and Satan. Our life is our responsibility; you and I can't blame others for our mistakes! Good decisions will come from Bible doctrine, the thinking of Christ. Great thoughts!



Proverbs 2:1-5

My son, if you will receive my words and treasure my commandments within you, make your ear attentive [listen] to wisdom [Bible doctrine], incline your heart to understanding; for if you cry for discernment, lift your voice for understanding; if you seek her [wisdom] as silver and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will discern the fear [respect] of the LORD and discover the knowledge of God.

We are in Christ!



Taking responsibility for our thoughts and actions leads to freedom. We've already been set free by Jesus Christ's work on the cross. We have to learn how to live in that

freedom. At salvation we received God's righteousness, +R.* So, when we take the responsibility for our mistakes, rebound, and in humility come to God, He accepts our requests for His help! He can't say "no" to His own +R! When we take responsibility for our past mistakes, we are responding to God's grace! God props us up by means of His power so we can claim His promises for our benefit and for His glory! We are set free from our mistakes by the grace plan of God! Amazing grace! Our God is an awesome God!**

*Read *Never Left Alone, God Wants a Personal Relationship with Me.*

**Read *Eternal Security - Part 3 Our God Is An Awesome God.*

Psalm 119:58-60 I sought Your favor with all *my* heart; be gracious to me according to Your word. I considered my ways and turned my feet to Your testimonies. I hastened and did not delay to keep Your commandments.

Points To Remember

1. God wants us to take complete responsibility for our thoughts and actions.
2. Bible doctrine shows us our mistakes and our responsibility.
3. We are to let God fix us or heal us with His grace.
4. Only grace can exalt, praise highly, or glorify God.
5. If something is off in our spiritual lives it is because we are not using God's grace.
6. David and Jonah are two people who made big mistakes but repented or changed their thinking for the better; in humility, they took the responsibility for their mistakes.
7. God promises to give us the doctrine we need before we enter the danger zones.
8. Taking responsibility for our thoughts and actions leads to freedom.
9. God's grace is all around us!

Questions For Discussion

1. What do we use to see if our thinking lines up with the thinking of Christ, divine viewpoint?
2. What is the purpose of checking our thinking?
3. If we feel condemned, what is our problem? What is the solution?
4. What is spiritual sickness? How do we get well?
5. Why is it difficult for people to accept God's grace?
6. If something is off in our spiritual lives, what is the problem?
7. When they made mistakes, what did David and Jonah do that was important?
8. What does God promise to give us if we remain positive to His Word?
9. How does taking responsibility for our thoughts and actions lead to freedom?
10. What does "God's grace is all around us" mean to you?

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