W. R. Newell was one of the most accomplished yet least well known of the 'grace' teachers in the 20th century. His succinct summary of God's truth --focusing on the foundational role of God's GRACE -- is restated in this adaptation of "A Few Words about Grace". Understanding and believing these truths is expressed in the biblically sound life that is saved **by** Grace, **through** faith, **in** Christ Jesus **alone**. **Is this your life**??

The Nature of God's Grace:

- 1. Grace is God acting freely, according to His nature --as Love; with no promise or obligation to fulfill in its operation; Grace acts righteously --in view of Christ's Cross.
- 2. Grace is <u>uncaused</u> in the <u>recipient</u>; its cause lies wholly in the Giver of Grace, God.
- 3. Grace is sovereign, with no debts to pay, or fulfilled <u>conditions</u> on <u>man's part before it operates</u>. Grace can, and often does, place the "worst deservers" in the highest favor.
- 4. Grace cannot act according to man's ability, or, his inability; Grace does ALL the work.
- 5. There is no cause in man **why** Grace should manifest; man cannot justify Grace.
- 6. Man's discovery that he is the object of <u>God's Grace works in man **utmost humility**</u>; knowing his absolute unworthiness and complete <u>inability to attain this Grace</u>.
- 7. Flesh has no 'right' in applied Grace; causing **Grace to be hated by the natural man** & producing joy in the spiritual, redeemed man, in whose flesh "is no good thing".

The Place of Man Under Grace:

- 1. Man is accepted in Christ, Who is man's only justified reason and cause for standing!
- 2. Man is not 'on probation'; "working out his salvation" is not a test of God's Grace.
- 3. Every saved man died at Christ's Cross; thereafter it is "Christ, not I" who lives.
- 4. Applied Grace is irrevocable, God beforehand nullifying man's every disqualification.
- 5. Grace is applied independent of all human insufficiency; Struggling with sin is futile.
- 6. Man's failing devotion does not cause withdrawal of Grace (as it does under Law) Men characterized by 1 Cor 5:1-5 & 11:30-32 **are judged by God and the world.**

The Proper Attitude of Man Under Grace:

- 1. Believes and <u>receives</u> the Grace gospel, <u>while unworthy</u>; This life is hidden in Christ.
- 2. Refuses to trust in the (inability) of the flesh by **not making resolutions or vows**.
- 3. **Expecting** abundant life while, by paradox, knowing more their own lack of worth.
- 4. Always testifying of God's Grace and Goodness as the cause of this abundant life.
- 5. Ever more tender and yielding toward God's call to repentance, confident of victory.
- 6. Ever thankful for the kindness of God's chastening as an earmark of applied Grace.
- 7. With no burden for his welfare, men under Paul's example, are <u>burdened for others</u>.

Discovered by the Soul under God's Grace:

- 1. If a man "hopes to do or be better" he is not yet dead to self; he is his own god.
- 2. <u>Discouragement</u> is recognized for its <u>deception</u>: faith in oneself rather than in Christ.
- 3. "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me" (Gal 2:20b) characterizes true life in Christ.
- 4. To preach devotion to God first, and God's blessing second, is to reverse God's order; Misapplied Law usurps Grace, having blessing depend on devotion, rather than on Grace.