Firm Foundations

10) The New Man

'...walk worthy of the calling with which you were called' (Eph.4:1)

'...let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ' (Phil.1:27)

How should we teach the outworking of grace?

- **✓ Some teach deficiency**
- ✓ Some teach legalism
- **✓** Some teach passivity

Paul's teaching can be likened to a pair of scissors

- 1) The first blade: doctrine
- A) What Christ has done for us
- B) What Christ has given to us

2) The second blade: exhortation

✓ We are exhorted to put on the Lord Jesus Christ

"...as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering..."

(Col.3:12)

✓ We work out what He has worked in us

'...work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure'

(Phil.2:12-13)

✓ We do this by faith

'...the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me' (Gal.2:20) ✓ As we put on the Lord Jesus Christ by faith, we make no provision for the flesh

"...put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts' (Rom.13:14) ✓ As we put on the new man in Christ, we put off the old behavior (Eph.4:22-32)

✓Our focus is not to be dealing with the flesh, but walking in the Spirit

'I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh'

(Gal.5:16)

✓ If we offer the members of our bodies for righteousness they are not available for sin

'And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God' (Rom.6:13)

✓ Our obedience is made possible by the Holy Spirit

'For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live' (Rom.8:13)