**GRACE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY**

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Parallel Session #1

**“Growing a Culture of Grace”**

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A. **Introduction**

1. What we *want* … what we *do not want*

2. “hearts established by grace” (Heb. 13:9)

3. Remember our “bloody and wounded”

4. What are our working definitions?

B. **How do we Build a Culture of Grace?**

1. Acknowledge love being shown … and encourage more (I Thess. 1:2-3; 4:9-10)

2. Shepherd-leaders *must* sign on to be students of “charisology” (Col. 3:20-23)

3. Legalism *must* be attacked with undaunted courage (Gal. 2:11f)

4. Galatians demonstrates that regular teaching of grace is essential (Gal. 1:6-7)

5. There are signs and indicators of a grace culture

a. How do leaders deal with those “*caught in sin*”? (Gal. 6:1f)

b. How is the question answered, *“What must I do to be saved?”*

c. Humility … humility … humility (I Cor. 13)

d. How are believers “*stimulated to love and good deeds*”? (Heb. 10:24)

e. Freedom of application is a hallmark of a gracious ministry (Gal. 5:16; 2:4: Col. 2:16; 2:20f)

f. A grace culture makes *careful theological distinctions*

* Between the gift of salvation and discipleship
* Between God’s grace and God’s pleasure
* Between eternal life and eternal rewards
* Between hating the sin and loving the sinner