

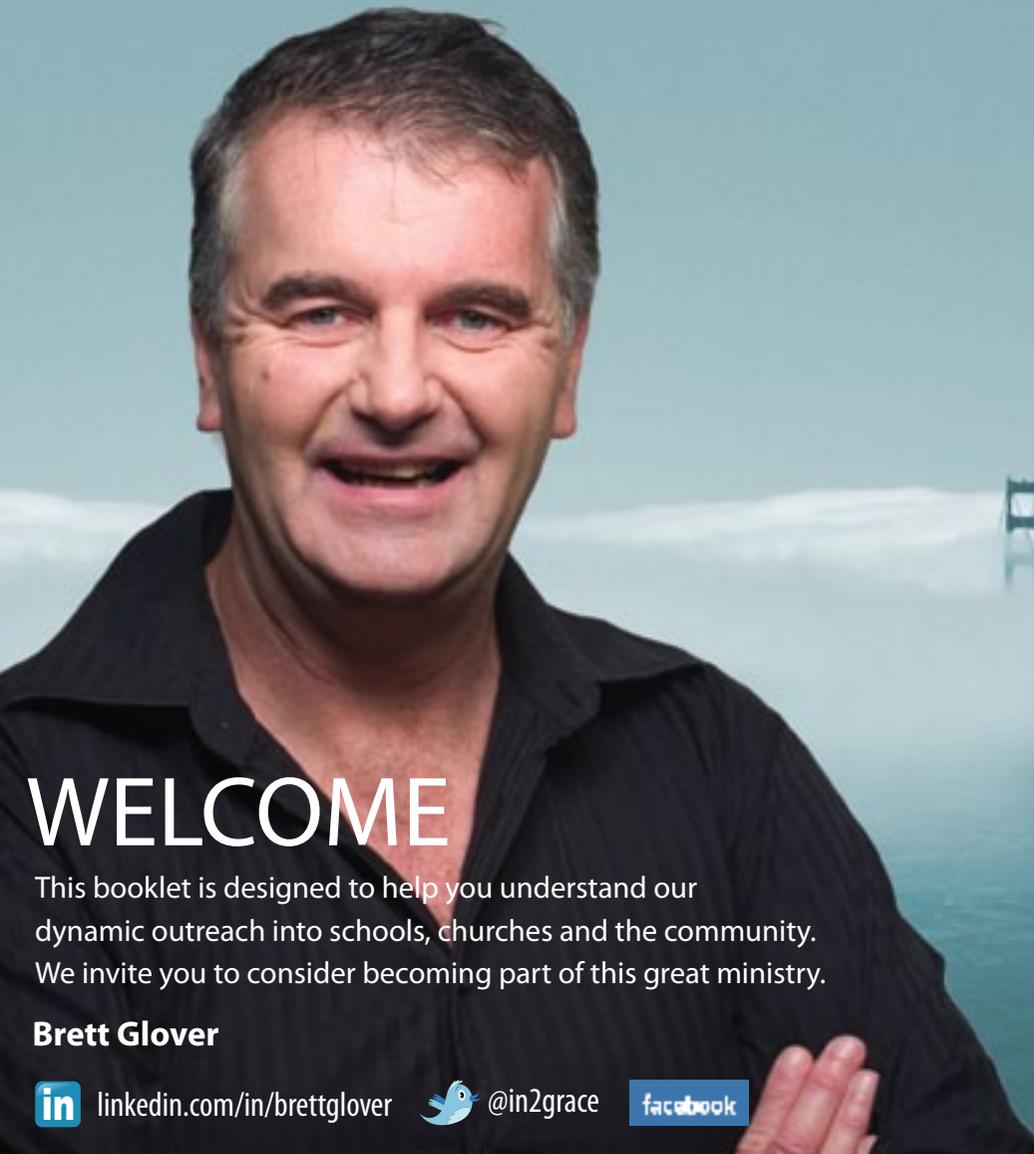
# The Grace Revolution



We dream of a day when the number one priority in education is grace not self-esteem.

A VOICE OF **GRACE**: FOR A WORLD  
**FREE OF INJUSTICE AND SUFFERING**

We dream of a day when Jesus' "way of grace" is the obvious first choice and Self-Esteem teachings are seen as idolatry (Self-Worship).



We look to our schools as places of learning and enlightenment. However, if we carefully examine some of the teaching content and methods, we find very few schools who educate based on Jesus' values and teachings.

Since the 1950's, a powerful and great delusion became the central pillar of world education. When we say this most think about the teaching of evolution without a creator, but there is a far greater more dangerous error!

It's found in modern self-esteem teachings and it directly opposes Jesus' teachings. The self-esteem distortion attacks the spiritual heart of a child which conditions them to seek their own value in social praise instead of finding it in the grace of God.

# WELCOME

This booklet is designed to help you understand our dynamic outreach into schools, churches and the community. We invite you to consider becoming part of this great ministry.

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### **Did you know self-esteem did not exist before the 1900's?**

During the years of 1892 -1906, a psychologist by the name of William James compiled a number of ideas which he introduced into the North American education system. He gave us two core concepts; firstly he was concerned with positive self- feelings for future success and secondly, he argued that the human mind creates its own truth.

These ideas later influenced a number of psychologists like Stanley Hall and John Dewey, one of the most famous was B.F Skinner who built on James' theories and came up with positive reinforcement. positive reinforcement focused on using strong praise to motivate learning. Teachers focused on praising and refrained from negative comments.

In the 1950's, these ideas started to become mainstream teaching practices in North America. The perceived success of these ideas led to them being exported around the world. Today positive reinforcement methods are teaching 101, counselling 101, social work 101 and psychology 101. We cannot understate how powerful these ideas have become and how much they have formed our modern world view and society.

### **What is self-esteem?**

The teaching aim was to building positive self-feelings in their students by using positive (praise) reinforcement to motivate learning. Teachers praised freely, withheld negatives, believing students would feel better about themselves and consequently achieve more. In reality, as teachers used praise to inspire students, they unintentionally created a modern praise game. The praise game conditioned students to hunger and hunt for praise. The teacher in the classroom became the praise giver and the students then competed for praise. Before long the game spread outside the classroom into the school yard, then into society.

### **Who are the winners and losers in the praise game?**

The winners are those who hold the trophy of praise up for all to see. They are the 'A' students, those clothed in brands, the sexy and popular, those labelled as "cool", While others struggle to get praise. Some people spiral into self loathing, others express anger and hostility. The hunger and hunt for praise is linked to: abuse, violence, depression, suicide, addictions, relationship breakdowns, the popularity of pornography, sexual crime, selfishness and greed.

### What did Jesus say about using social praise?

Jesus told us not to seek social praise in prayer, giving, fasting and oaths (Matthew 5 & 6). He repeatedly told us to be servants. The actual Greek word is "doulos" meaning the lowliest slave. Jesus taught :

*"Whoever wants to be first must be your slave (doulos) just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

*(Matthew 20:27-28)*

Jesus could not tolerate praise seeking, he went on to link seeking praise with image and hypocrisy.

*(Matt 6: 1-4, Matt 6: 6-8, Matt 6:1-6-18, Matt 15:1-20, Matt 23:1-39)*

### Did you know self-esteem in practice is false worship?

The Ten Commandments are straight forward; the first command says we are to only worship God and him alone. The second command forbids worshipping anything but God! Don't worship anything but God, every image is forbidden. God made us to love and worship him, all praise belongs to God. However, we can misuse praise in false worship and this produces suffering and social problems.

*(Exodus 20:1-4, Matt4:8-11, Deut 32:17)*

### Is self-esteem a counterfeit of Grace?

The Bible says we are saved by grace, the "unmerited favour of God." Nothing states our value more than the cross; Jesus suffered and died for our sins. God values us by grace; nothing we can do can make God love us more or less. Jesus picked up the account and paid for our sin (short comings) on the cross. However, self-esteem has us chasing our value in the praises of the crowd, forever enticing us to seek our value in our appearance, achievements and material trophies.

*(1 John 4:7-21, 1 John 3:7-10, 1 Peter 5:1-11)*



### **Is self- esteem bad for you?**

Apart from blinding people to their true value in God, it encourages young people to find their value in the praises of people or in self-worship. An unfortunate side effect of directing worship away from God is the curse of Exodus 20:1-4. The curse is really a natural consequence of misusing worship and it produces considerable social problems. The book "Grace v Self-Esteem" shows how hungering and hunting for praise is linked to violence, abuse of others, addictions, sexual abuse, depression and suicide.

### **Did you know self-esteem teaching is bad for the world?**

Self-esteem teaching has made the western world extremely image focused, making it into the most image crazy age in history. The book "Grace v Self-Esteem" explains how this culture of self worship (self-esteem) has made us in the western world arrogant and self indulgent; feeling superior we greedily covet, abuse the poor and wage war on the environment by over consumption.

## Our Mission

### **Public Awareness**

- To make churches, schools and universities aware of the complex social problems self-esteem teaching creates.
- To show how "Grace" is a real and practical alternative to finding personal value and to echo Jesus' prophetic words in challenging the darkness of modern hypocrisy.

### **Church and Public Dialogue**

- To meet with School Principals and discuss the issues.
- To meet with Pastors, Priests, Social Workers, Welfare Workers, Psychologists and Medical Professionals for the purpose of opening up discussion.
- To raise "Grace" as a better way to build personal value in their students.



## Social Justice Campaigns

- To visit and speak with Principals and donate a copy of "Grace v Self-esteem" to School Principals.
- To have a strong Internet web presence.
- To use traditional media and social media to campaign.
- To promote and seek to debate 'Grace v Self-esteem' in universities, and schools.
- To confront the false teachings of self-esteem as counterfeit of grace in the life of the wider church.

## Spiritual Education

- To offer church & school workshops on the dangers of Self-esteem.
- To offer workshops on:

**"The Grace principle"**

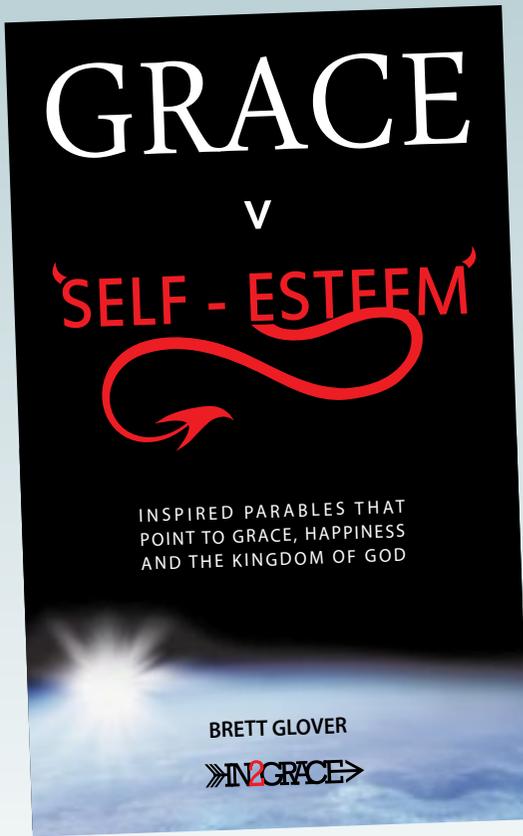
**"Finding personal value in Grace"**

**"Raising Graceful Children-some principles and ideas"**

**"How Grace builds better relationships"**

## Become a Supporter and Promoter of In2Grace

- 1 Read a copy of Grace v Self-Esteem
- 2 Join our email newsletter and pray for our ministry
- 3 Be a Sponsor of the outreach "Operation Principle" – buy copies of ' Grace v Self-esteem' to give to school Principals.
- 4 Invite us to your church to run "Finding your value in Grace not Self-esteem Workshop". This workshop is a great outreach for Christians and non Christians alike. Contact: [brett@in2grace.com](mailto:brett@in2grace.com)
- 5 Discuss our ministry with your friends and follow In2Grace Causes on Facebook.
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- 7 Invite us to your school or university email: [Brett@in2grace.com](mailto:Brett@in2grace.com)
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"The message of Grace v Self-Esteem is as urgent as climate change and gives us insight into the radical and maybe painful changes needed to arrest and reverse our cultural and social slide into Armageddon. Congratulations on an awesome and truly God inspired book."

**Dr Vernon Vivian - MD**

## What People Are Saying

Brett Glover has written a book that deserves to be on the 'must-read' list and, in my view, mandatory reading for parents, teachers and pastors.

Each of the fourteen chapters begins with what I really believe is a Holy Spirit inspired parable where one can see clearly why grace and self esteem are in tension.

The book goes on to challenge both secular and church wisdom that has developed over the past fifty years throughout the western world in relation to 'positive reinforcement' practices.

Read the book and decide for yourself but one thing is certain - we do nothing at our peril.

**Dell Sadler**

*Caleb Book Prize*

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**A book that will set you free, unshackle the church and builds the Kingdom of God**

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