

No Free Lunch!



Sunday Jan 27
Grace Leads us Home
Luke 15:11-32

"Grace Upon Grace"
John 1:14-17

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Amazing Grace

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*It was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed*



The great God is pleased to manifest himself in Christ, as the God of grace. This grace is manifold, pardoning, converting, restoring, persevering grace, bestowed upon the miserable and worthless. Grace finds the sinner in a hopeless, helpless state, sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death. Grace pardons the guilt, cleanses the pollution, and subdues the power of sin. Grace sustains the bruised reed, binds up the broken heart, and cherishes the smoking flax into a flame. Grace restores the soul when wandering, revives it when fainting, heals it when wounded, upholds it when ready to fall, teaches it to fight, goes before it in the battle, and at last makes it more than conqueror over all opposition, and then bestows a crown of everlasting life

1. _____ **Grace:** *God's goodness toward all people*

Mat 5:45 "...For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust."

Acts 14:17 "Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for he did good by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food & gladness"

Common Grace is why...

- ...all people can live happy fulfilled lives
- ...all people can have relationships: marriage, family, friends
- ...all people can enjoy good food & drink, beauty & wonder
- ...all people can create, work, find success & meaning
- ...all people can experience justice & morality & peace

Problem: Common Grace cannot _____

2. _____ **Grace:** *Grace that reconciles us to God*

Eph 2:8-9. "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

Saving Grace is:

- ...Only for Christians
- ...Only given never earned
- ...Only received by faith never works

How Saving Grace Works:

- a. _____ Grace (2 Tim 1:9)
- b. _____ Grace (Titus 3:3-7)
- c. _____ Grace (Rom 3:23-24)
- d. _____ Grace (Eph 2:8-9)
- e. _____ Grace (Eph 1:4-6)

3. _____ **Grace:** *Grace that matures & grows us*

Titus 2:11-12. "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age."

Law: Be good or else!

Grace: Be good because God is good.

Law Change

- External
- Actions
- Leads to pride & self-righteousness
- Focus on self
- Elder brother

Grace Change

- Internal
- Heart
- Leads to humility & dependence
- Focus on God
- Younger brother

4. _____ **Grace:** *Grace to use our gifts to bless others*

1 Peter 4:10-11. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies, in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever."

- a. We are given gifts by _____ (10a)
CHARISMA = 'gift' from CHARIS = "grace"
- b. We use our gifts by _____ (10b)
- c. We use our gifts by _____ (11a)
- God gives the gift & empowers our use
- d. We use our gifts so that _____ (11b)

5. _____ **Grace:** *Grace to give generously*

2 Cor 8:1-9 "We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part..."

- a. Grace giving _____ (1)
- b. Grace giving _____ (2-3a)
- severe affliction + extreme poverty + joy = generosity!
- We don't need more to be generous we need less!
- c. Grace giving _____ (3b-4)
- d. Grace giving _____ (5)
- e. Grace giving _____ (6-7)
- f. Grace giving _____ (9)

More Grace....

- Miraculous Grace: *grace to work miracles* (Acts 6:8)
- Preserving Grace: *grace to preserve* (Phil 1:6-7)
- Glorifying Grace: *grace to make it to glory* (Rom 8:30-32)
- Sufficient Grace: *grace to endure any hardship* (2 Cor 12:9)
- Worshipping Grace: *grace to praise God* (Eph 1:6)