

IT'S ALL ABOUT GRACE

Philippians 1:2, 4:21-23

START AND END WITH GRACE

In all of Paul's 13 letters he starts with grace, preaches the Gospel of Grace and then ends reminding us of His Grace.

What is Grace? Why is it so amazing? For starters, it's from God the Father.

Grace is the opposite of karma, which is all about getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you don't deserve, and *not* getting what you do deserve. Christianity teaches that what we deserve is death with no hope of resurrection but what we get is life and life abundantly.

- Pastor Justin Holcomb

DRIVEN BY GRACE

The Grace that saves us, trains us, sanctifies us.

- Grace drives sanctification.
- Genuine transformation doesn't happen overnight.
- It takes time to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"
- But eventually, by His Grace He transforms our desires, motivations, and behavior.
- We live in a world of earning, deserving, and merit, and these result in judgment. That is why everyone wants and needs grace. Judgment kills. Only grace makes alive. It breathes air when life is suffocating.

Philippians 4:23 // 1 Corinthians 1:10 // Titus 2:11 // 2 Corinthians 2:8-9

ENCOURAGE WITH GRACE

What is Encouragement?

- Biblical encouragement is more than just complimenting someone's new shoes or side dish they brought over. That kind of encouragement is important, but the encouragement the Word refers to is explicitly *Christian* encouragement.
- Pastor Garret Kell of 9 Marks Ministries says that..."Encouragement is shared with the hopes that it will lift someone's heart toward the Lord. It points out evidences of grace in another's life to help them see that God is using them. It points a person to God's promises that assures them that all they face is under His control."

Encourage one another and build each other up.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Philippians 4:21-22 // Hebrews 3:13 // Colossians 4:8



NOTES:

This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering during service or take it to one of our teammates at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets during service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at **katie@lifemission.tv**

JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **casey@lifemission.tv**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before your group starts, is there anyone who can share the Memory Verse?

Read **Philippians 1:2**, then **Philippians 4:21-23**. What stuck out to you from this verse or the message on Sunday? _____

Why do you think Paul begins each of his 13 letters with Grace and ends each one of them with grace? Why is it so important? In your own words explain what's so amazing about grace. _____

Pastor Michael Horton writes...."In grace, God gives nothing less than Himself. Grace, then, is not a third thing or substance mediating between God and sinners, but is Jesus Christ in redeeming action." Now read **Galatians 1:3-5**. Explain the importance of God giving Himself and how that magnifies His Love and Grace to us. _____

1 Corinthians 1:10, Titus 2:11, Romans 5:2, 2 Timothy 2:1, Hebrews 4:16, 1 Peter 1:10 and Hebrews 13:9. How does grace motivate us, train us and give us strength for our current daily struggles and trials? _____

Read **1 Thessalonians 5:11**. Then read the definition of encourage under "Encourage with Grace" in the Sermon Notes. What is Christian Encouragement? How can you encourage one another, and who at Life Mission can you encourage? _____

Last Sunday Pastor Jobey asked us to think about people who we are going to reach out to and extend God's grace to by the generous giving of time and blessing. Please share with your group the 3 or 4 people that you wrote down that need Jesus. Tell them their names and how you are hoping to reach out to them, whether it's dinner, coffee, etc. _____

Then end group by praying that the same grace that has reached you, would reach them.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.**



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SUNDAYS AT 10AM

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