

Outline – March 6, 2022
John 1:14-16; John 6:47
Luke 18:9-13; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Understanding The Importance Of Grace

The Ultimate Question Centers On Salvation

- I. **The truth killers and the doctrine of poison**
 - A. Often done by “well-meaning people”
 - 1. Look good
 - 2. Act good
 - 3. Sound good
 - B. What they share destroys
 - 1. Confidence
 - 2. Creates depression
 - 3. Condemns the soul
 - C. What it sounds like (as they explain how one has eternal life)
 - 1. Perform better
 - 2. Try harder
 - 3. Don’t forget the details
 - 4. Must be a “certain brand”
 - 5. Do nothing fun
 - 6. Don’t get “out of line”
 - 7. If you mess-up, it’s all over
 - D. Most people never hear or ever comprehend grace. What they hear:
 - 1. Hear about performing
 - 2. Hear about hell – judgement
 - 3. Do you want to hear about the disease or the cure?
- II. **The truth delivered/declared**
 - A. Jesus (God in human flesh)
 - 1. Shows up at the exact time
 - 2. At the exact place
 - 3. In the exact manner
 - B. Declares amazing truths
 - 1. Salvation is real
 - 2. Heaven is real
 - 3. It is a free gift
 - 4. He is the ticket
 - 5. We don’t deserve it
 - 6. We can have it, keep it, look forward to it, the moment we believe in Him for it
 - 7. He secures it (cause He did it)
 - C. That’s called grace

D. Grace is the solution for

1. Your issues
2. Your problems
3. Your trouble
4. Your disconnect from God
5. Your war within yourself

E. We have sin, weaknesses, and problems that, without God's grace, would destroy us now and condemn us later

III. Five basic universal weaknesses that cause us all to suffer

A. A general sin nature

1. Fall short
2. Sin within
3. Polluted by sin

B. Inequities: tendency toward specific sins based on family dynamics

1. Addiction
2. Skepticism
3. Narcissistic – pride
4. Abuse
5. Adultery

(Generational curse – Exodus 34:7)

C. Life's inabilities

D. Inherent weaknesses

E. Infirmities of body and soul

IV. What God has revealed through nature and divine revelation

A. God is transcendent

1. Outside of space, time, matter, and physical laws
2. He is an amazing and powerful creator
3. He has revealed the future, through His prophets, covenants and the nation of Israel
4. He has revealed who we are
5. He has sent Messiah into the world full of grace and truth
6. To pay the penalty to receive the wrath of God, so we wouldn't have to

V. What religion, pride and modern Phariseeism do

A. Deceive ourselves pretending we don't have a problem

1. Pharisee and publican

B. Defiance

1. Humanism
2. Atheism

C. Defeats the person

1. Giving up

D. Destroys the basic truth of grace

1. "God be merciful to me the sinner"

VI. When you turn to Messiah for God's grace, 7 things happen to you

- A. From sinner to saved
- B. From an enemy to a child
- C. From being judged to being pardoned
- D. From being enslaved to being set free
- E. From walking in guilt to walking in grace
- F. From keeping rules to having a relationship
- G. From facing rejection to receiving reward

VII. Grace and love

- A. Love stoops down to those who don't deserve it
 - 1. That's grace
- B. Love that goes upward
 - 1. That is worship
- C. Love that goes outward
 - 1. That is affection
- D. We are saved by His Grace
We are changed by His Grace
We are reclaimed by His Grace
We are kept in His Grace

That Is The Grace Awakening