

One Year Later:

Becoming a People of Grace

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Introduction

1 Corinthians 15:1-2

“Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved...”

Hebrews 13:8-9a

“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace...”

Things that bear repeating as we mark our first year together as Grace Community Church. In the past year, we've learned about:

1. God

Psalm 89:5-7

“Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones! For who in the skies can be compared to the Lord? Who among the heavenly beings is like the Lord, a God greatly to be feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all who are around him?”

2. The Gospel

1 Peter 3:18

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”

“[The] saving events and all the saving blessings of the gospel are means of getting obstacles [like our sin and God's wrath] out of the way so that we might know and enjoy God most fully. Propitiation, redemption, forgiveness, imputation, sanctification, liberation, healing, heaven - none of these is good news except for one reason: they bring us to God for our everlasting enjoyment of him. If we believe all these things have happened to us, but do not embrace them for the sake of getting to God, they have not happened to us. Christ did not die to forgive sinners who go on treasuring anything above seeing and savoring God. And people who would be happy in heaven if Christ were not there, will not be there. The gospel is not a way to get people to heaven; it is a way to get people to God.”

John Piper, **God Is The Gospel** Page 47

3. Grace

Ephesians 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.”

Romans 6:1

“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?”

We have learned how God relates to us. Not just initially, but always. Not only when we please Him, but when we displease Him.

Romans 8:31-39

4. Godliness

Titus 2:11-14

“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, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.”

5. Glorification

1 Corinthians 2:9

“No eye has seen, nor ear heard,
nor the heart of man imagined,
what God has prepared for those who love Him.”