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PREVAILING GRACE

THE PLACE OF GRACE

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Ephesians 1:5 “His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.”

You were made for relationships.

Genesis 2:18 And God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone.”

Three Truths About the Place of Grace

1. The Place of Grace is Where My NEEDS Are MET.

Acts 4:32-34 “All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.”

You can’t fulfill God’s purpose for your life without other people.

Ephesians 4:15-16 “Christ...is the Head of his body, the Church. Under his direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly, and each part in its own special way helps the other parts, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.”

**You need the church,
and the church needs you.**

There is no such thing as an independent Christian.

Philippians 1:7-8 “All of you share in God’s grace with me.”

Hebrews 12:15 “Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God.”

2. The Place of Grace is Where I GROW.

2 Peter 3:18 “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

2 Peter 1:2 “May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.”

1 Peter 1:7 “Your faith is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.”

John 1:14 “Jesus came full of grace.”

**You can't love God if you don't
love His people.**

**Your commitment to Jesus is no greater
than your commitment to his church.**

1 John 4:20-21 "If someone says, 'I love God,' but hates a Christian brother or sister, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their Christian brothers and sisters."

**You can't grow in grace unless
you give grace away.**

2 Corinthians 9:7-10 "So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness."

Matthew 5:7 "Jesus said, Blessed are the merciful, for they will obtain mercy."

Luke 11:4 Jesus said, “Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.”

3. The Place of Grace is Where I Am FORGIVEN and I FORGIVE.

Ephesians 1:6-7 “So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.”

Matthew 10:8 “Give as freely as you have received!”

Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and loving to each other. Forgive each other the same as God forgave you through Christ.”

Acts 15:11 “We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.”

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