

What would happen if every person got what they deserved, if God's righteous judgment was immediately enacted?

What current situation or relationship in your life needs an infusion of God's grace?

Communion is a regular time we set aside to remember God's grace to us through Jesus Christ. What helps your worship at this time? What about His grace overwhelms you with praise?

REFLECT

Has this series on grace changed the way you have thought about or responded to other people's faults, sins, or mistakes? What about your own?

RESPOND

Has God brought something to mind more than once over the past few weeks that you need to follow up on? Share that situation with a person you trust and pray for the Spirit's perspective and guidance.

Consider closing with a time of shared communion in your group.



OUTLOOK
CHRISTIAN CHURCH
outlookchurch.org
317.335.6815



In the end, grace is never theoretical; it's always experiential.

MOVEMENT ONE: DUST

Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 3:19

"... dust you are and to dust you will return."

Psalms 24:3-5

*Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who do not put their trust in an idol
or swear by a false god.*

Lamentations 3:25-29

*The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;
it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.
Let them sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on them.
Let them bury their faces in the dust—there may yet be hope.*

MOVEMENT TWO: BLOOD

1 Corinthians 15:47

The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.



Matthew 26:26-28

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

Then he took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

Ephesians 1:4-8

In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us.

1 Peter 1:18-20

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.

MOVEMENT THREE: WATER

John 13:5-7

After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus replied, "You do not realize now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

Acts 8:35-37

Then Philip...told him the good news about Jesus. As they traveled along the road, they came to some water and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water. What can stand in the way of my being baptized?"

Hebrews 10:21-23

...and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

Psalm 103:10-14

He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities... as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us... for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

GRACE THROUGH WEAKNESS

LIFE GROUP STUDY

RELATE

Which do you tend to do more—complain or praise?

What about baptism (or communion) is most meaningful to you?

What idea, principle, or experience from this week's service has stuck with you?

READ

Psalm 103

David delights in the many expressions of God's continuing grace to frail, fleeting mortals.

Read through the ways David sees God's grace in his life. Which one of these have you experienced?

Are conditions placed on God's grace in this Psalm? (v. 13, 17-18) How did Jesus expand our perspective on God's grace?

What risks does God assume by being so gracious and understanding toward people?

Does a realistic view of human weakness help you be more gracious to others, or do you see it as a convenient excuse for irresponsible behavior?

Does it comfort or insult you to know that God understands your weaknesses and limitations? (v. 13-16) How has that been at work in your life?