

A Church that Embraces Grace

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The Bible is written for us, but it is not written to us.

Question: How does this statement impact how you approach, read and study Scripture?

**If we disrespect the historical distance,
we will distort the biblical teaching.**

Question: What is an example you can think of that biblical teaching is distorted because of this?

Like the Church of Corinth:

- We need God's truthful instruction.
- We live in an aggressively pluralistic society.
- The claim to personal rights challenges lordship of Jesus.
- The fact of Jesus' resurrection and the hope of his return changes everything.

Read Romans 1:4; 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

Grace is the undeserved favor of God.

Questions: How has grace shown up in your life? How has your understanding of God's grace grown over time?

**God's grace is not just God's attitude,
it's an action he's taken in Jesus.**

Read Hebrews 2:9

**We are meant to be forgiven by grace;
we are also meant to live by grace.**

John Ortberg

Question: How have you seen grace empower your life?

**The gifts of God only come by the grace of God.
Spiritual gifts are God's grace in action.**

Questions: Why is this statement on spiritual gifts true? What impact does it have on your understanding and approach to spiritual gifts?

The grace given you in Christ Jesus

- saves you
- enables you to serve
- sustains you to the end

Questions: Which one of these areas of "grace" are you most familiar with? Which one will you explore more?

