

***THANKS*giving** **Abundant Grace**

Sunday, November 7, 2021

Ephesians 1: 3-10 NLT

³All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. ⁴Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. ⁵God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. ⁶So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. ⁷He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. ⁸He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. ⁹God has now revealed to us his mysterious will regarding Christ—which is to fulfill his own good plan. ¹⁰And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ—everything in heaven and on earth.

1. Present

Psalm 139:7 Where can I flee from Your Presence?

Jeremiah 23: 23-24 Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and the earth?

Zephaniah 3:17 The Lord your God is living among you.

2. Patient

2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, He is patient with you.

1 Timothy 1:16 Jesus could use me as an example of His great patience.

Exodus 34:6 The Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger...

3. Pursuing

Psalm 23:6 MSG Your beauty and love chase after me every day of my life.

Revelations 3:20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock.

Conclusion: God's grace and love are relentless. They are freely and fully given to us. We can't earn them; we can only receive them. Let us be mindful of His abundant grace in our lives and give thanks daily. For this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

LIFE GROUP LESSON

Abundant Grace

Week of November 7 – November 13, 2021

Ice Breaker: How does pondering God's grace affect your situations?

Read Ephesians 1: 3-10.

1. What did God bless us with? (v.3) Why?
 2. What does that mean in application? How do these blessings affect our daily life and our world around us?
 3. When did God start loving us? (v.4) What does that tell you about God's love?
 4. How does God see us as we are in Christ? (.4)
 5. What type of relationship does God desire with us? (v.5) Why?
 6. What do we praise God for? (v.6)
 7. What did His grace cause Him to do and how did we benefit? (v.7)
 8. What has God showered upon His children? (v. 8)
 9. What is God's plan? (v.10)
 10. How can giving thanks for this promise affect your world?
 11. Are you mindful of God's presence with you daily? How do you feel when you are aware? When do you notice you are not aware of Him any longer? What is happening? How do you return to His presence?
 12. Read Jeremiah 23:23-24. What is your response to God's statement?
 13. Read Zephaniah 3:17. Where does God live? How does He look upon you?
 14. Do you ever get impatient with God? Why does He wait to act? Read 2 Peter 3:9. Is there grace in His waiting?
 15. Read 1 Timothy 1:16 What was Paul teaching Timothy? How would Jesus' patience with Paul benefit others?
 16. Read Exodus 34:6. What does God proclaim about Himself?
 17. Read Psalm 23:6 What is your response to this text?
 18. Who are we that God of the Universe should pursue us? Yet He does. How does this truth affect you?
 19. Read Revelation 3:20. What is the picture? What is Jesus doing and what is He waiting for? *Will you invite Him in?*
 20. Why would it be God's will for us to praise Him for His grace?
- Point to ponder:** God's love is relentless, an all-consuming fire. His grace is unending. We don't deserve it. We can't earn it; yet He lavishes us in it. Let us give thanks to God for His amazing grace.