

GRACE CHURCH BULLETIN | January 17, 2021

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Membership Class Part 2 - The second part of the new member class will be on Saturday, January 23rd from 9-11AM. If you have questions please contact pastormike@gracewyoing.com or pastordave@gracewyoing.com.

Moms and More - Our next meeting is Thursday, January 21st. Join us from 10-11:30am in the fellowship hall. Moms will have a brief study time in Colossians while the kids enjoy a puppet show, music time, and snack. The play theme is Tracks and Riding Toys. We hope you can come! Contact Chloe Stiner if you have any questions (651) 341-0999.

Quarterly Business Meeting-We are going to try something different with our business meetings and have it on a Wednesday night. We know how challenging Sunday business meetings can be for families. Hopefully with enough notice, parents can line up childcare and doesn't make the meeting so long for families. Please save Wednesday, January 27th for our next business meeting.

TFG Service opportunity - Help us organize the St Paul Clothes closet or our own Supply closet at the Thompson's house on Feb 6th. Meet at church at 9am and we'll carpool to the locations. Talk to Lauren Gilkerson if you can come.

CREATE - Ladies, join us 01/22/21 beginning at 6pm for craft night. It's a time of fellowship, encouragement and a chance to get to know others. Questions contact Annie Howard (andreadhoward@gmail.com).

As always, News & Notes contains everything you need to stay current with all that is happening at Grace Church.
Please notify an elder if you would like to be added to our digital newsletter.



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Leader) Insofar as you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for the forgiveness of your sins know that your sins have already been forgiven. *(All) Thanks be to God.*

(Leader) Know also that by the blood of Jesus you are welcomed into the presence of God as his beloved sons and daughters. *(All) Praise be to God.*

(Leader) Lift up your hearts. *(All) We lift them up to the Lord.*

WORSHIP SONG

Look and See

Verse 1

Come praise and glorify our God
The Father of our Lord
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms
His blessings on us poured
For pure and blameless in His sight
He destined us to be
And now we've been adopted through
His Son eternally

Chorus

To the praise of Your glory
To the praise of Your mercy and grace
To the praise of Your glory
You are the God who saves

Verse 2

Come praise and glorify our God
Who gives His grace in Christ
In Him our sins are washed away
Redeemed through sacrifice
In Him God has made known to us
The mystery of His will
That Christ should be the head of all
His purpose to fulfill

Verse 3

Come praise and glorify our God
For we've believed the Word
And through our faith we have a seal
The Spirit of the Lord
The Spirit guarantees our hope
Until redemption's done
Until we join in endless praise
To God, the Three in One

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 96:5-10

[Leader] 5 For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. 6 Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

[All] 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts! 9 Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth! 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

WORSHIP SONGS

Before The Throne

Verse 1

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
A great High Priest,
Whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.

My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven
He stands
No tongue can bid
Me thence depart
No tongue can bid
Me thence depart.

Verse 2

When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look, and see him there
Who made an end to all my sin.

Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me

Bridge

Hallelujah! Hallelu - jah! Praise the
One, Risen Son of God

Verse 3

Behold him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless
Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I am,
The King of glory and of grace!

One in himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ, my Savior and my God

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Verse 1

Holy Spirit living Breath of God
Breathe new life into my willing soul
Bring the presence of the risen Lord
To renew my heart and make me whole
Cause Your Word to come alive in me
Give me faith for what I cannot see
Give me passion for Your purity
Holy Spirit breathe new life in me

Verse 2

Holy Spirit come abide within
May Your joy be seen in all I do
Love enough to cover every sin
In each thought and deed and attitude
Kindness to the greatest and the least
Gentleness that sows the path of peace
Turn my striving into works of grace
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do

Verse 3

Holy Spirit from creation's birth
Giving life to all that God has made
Show Your power once again on earth
Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise
Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ
Will be clear for all the world to see

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than
all that we ask or think, according to the power at work
within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ
Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.
Amen.

SERMON TEXT Genesis 25:1-11

¹ Abraham took another wife, whose name was Keturah. ² She bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. ³ Jokshan fathered Sheba and Dedan. The sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. ⁴ The sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. ⁵ Abraham gave all he had to Isaac. ⁶ But to the sons of his concubines Abraham gave gifts, and while he was still living he sent them away from his son Isaac, eastward to the east country.

⁷ These are the days of the years of Abraham's life, 175 years. ⁸ Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age, an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people. ⁹ Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, east of Mamre, ¹⁰ the field that Abraham purchased from the Hittites. There Abraham was buried, with Sarah his wife. ¹¹ After the death of Abraham, God blessed Isaac his son. And Isaac settled at Beer-lahai-roi.

SERMON OUTLINE Genesis 25:1-11

Abraham's Death and God's Salvation | David VanAcker

ABRAHAM'S DEATH

Abraham Was Questionable as a Husband

Abraham Was Questionable as a Dad

Abraham Was Unquestionably Committed to the Covenant God Made with Him

God Was Unquestionably Committed to the Covenant He Made with Abraham

ABRAHAM'S PART IN THE NEW TESTAMENT'S PLAN OF SALVATION

The Jews Still Understood Themselves to Be Abraham's Sons and Daughters

The Jews Still Understood Themselves to Be Beneficiaries of God's Covenant with Abraham

The Jews Still Understood and Practiced Circumcision as the Sign of the Covenant

Abraham Held a Prominent Place in Heaven

Jesus Used the Father's Words Concerning Abraham to Prove the Resurrection of the Dead

Jesus Was One of Abraham's Offspring

The Jews Fundamentally Misunderstood what it Meant to Be Children of Abraham and the Covenant Sign

- 1. Abraham was justified by his trust in God, not his good works (Romans 4:1-8)*
- 2. Circumcision of the heart, not the foreskin, was the true sign of the covenant (Romans 4:9-12)*
- 3. Salvation was not for the children of Abraham's faith, not his flesh (Romans 4:13-21)*
- 4. All of this was going to be in Jesus, not Abraham (Romans 4:22-25)*

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

MAIN POINT

The main point of all of this is this: God would be perfectly faithful to the covenant He made with Abraham, but He would do so in ways no one could have predicted. And from that we catch a wonderful glimpse of the creative, faithful, gracious, omnipotent and triune nature of God. And from that we have more and more understanding of what we must do to be saved and fuel for our worship of our Savior.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What were your thoughts on the text/sermon? What most stood out? How was it helpful? Confusing?
2. As we read through Genesis, what were your thoughts on Abraham as a husband and father? Why do you think God would allow him to wander so far from His good design for both?
3. What difference does it make in your life that God will never break His promises to you? What difference might it make if you believed that in even greater ways?
4. Which of the six prevailing notions of Abraham's place in NT times stands out to you the most? Is it easy for you to see why the Jews would have believed these things? Have you ever found misbeliefs like these in your own mind?
5. Which of the four NT corrections stands out to you the most? What do you think it would have been like to be a Jew in the NT and hear them for the first time?

AREAS OF APPLICATION

6. How can you become a better husband/wife? How can you become a better parent? Make a list of biblical passages and promises that would direct you to these ends. Find someone to share these with and pray for you.
7. Find a way to express the perfect truthfulness, wisdom, power, and love of God that we see in God's perfect keeping of His covenant promises to Abraham in Jesus.
8. Find one way to strengthen Grace Church by holding up the gospel for us.
9. Pick one area of pride to confess, promise to hope in, and person to pray for and share the gospel with this week.
10. Name one specific thing that you mean to do differently by the power of the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER POINTS

11. Adoration. Praise God for His perfect truthfulness, wisdom, power, and love. Praise Him for salvation in Christ.
12. Confession. Confess ways you've been like Abraham in his marriage and parenting rather than his covenant keeping. Confess any lack of trust in God's promises, misplaced hope, and failure to tell the world about Jesus.
13. Thanksgiving. Thank God for His Word, His Spirit, His Son, and His people. Thank Him for the fact that every minute of every day you are better than you deserve. Thank Him for making every promise "Yes" in Jesus.
14. Supplication. Ask God to save an unbeliever in your life. Ask God to grant increasing trust in His Word and hope in His promises to all of His people--focus on any specific areas of mistrust of failing hope you know in the Christians in your life.

WORSHIP SONGS

O The Deep, Deep Love

Verse 1

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Vast unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me
Is the current of Your love
Leading onward,
Leading homeward
To Your glorious rest above

Chorus

Oh the deep, deep love,
All I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus

Verse 2

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Spread His praise
From shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom
Through the saving cross He bore
How He watches
O'er His loved ones,
Those He died to make his own
How for them He's interceding,
Pleading now before the throne

Verse 3

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing
In the midst of every test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus,
Mighty Savior, precious friend
You will bring us home to glory
Where Your love will never end

He Is Our God

Verse 1

Who can light the fires
Of a thousand burning suns
Blazing in the heavens
There is only One
He is our God

Verse 2

Who commands the nations
Building up and tearing down
Silencing His rivals
There is only One
He is our God He is our God

Holy You alone are holy
Matchless in Your glory holy God

Verse 3

Who would come to save us
When we turned away His love
Conquer us with kindness
There is only One
He is our God He is our God

Holy You alone are holy
Matchless in Your glory no one is like You
Worthy You alone are worthy
We adore You only holy God

Bridge

Now to the King on the throne
Who was and is to come
And to the Lamb who was slain be glory

BENEDICTION

Psalms 20:1 - May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!