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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 11.26.23 Pulpit Curriculum

Biblical Generosity: Has my worship through giving been driven by grace?

Worship- I face the choice to serve money or God. Choose wisely. [Luke 16:10-13]

- Money competes for primacy in our worship (1 Tim. 6:9-10), and how we treat our money is an indicator of our worship. Am I putting God first in my finances?
- What are some practical ways that I can prioritize Biblical generosity in my spending?

The life that is saved by God's grace is designed to enjoy and grow in grace every day.

The Reign of Grace

Main passage: Romans 5,6

1) Gift grace from the Last Adam, Jesus Christ (Romans 5:12-20)

[Rom. 3: 23-26; 5:1-2,17; 2 Cor. 9:14, 15; Eph. 2:7-10]

- The first Adam failed in sin and led all mankind into sin, death, and condemnation; the last Adam, the perfect and obedient Man, offers the free gift of eternal life to all who repent and believe upon Him, leading them into salvation by grace and a life of grace.

Grace- God's unwarranted and staggering generosity to sinners, designed to save rebels through a gift, and then grow them in holiness for His glory.

<u>THE FIRST ADAM</u>	<u>VERSUS</u>	<u>THE LAST ADAM: CHRIST</u>
Sin		Free Gift
Sin Abounding		Grace Abounding
Transgression		Obedience
Condemnation		Justification
Death		Life
Law/Works		Grace

- A. Take a moment and reflect upon what your life was like "in the first Adam" versus your new life "in the last Adam," Jesus Christ. What words would you use to describe your life before Christ rescued you from sin, death, and condemnation? _____



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B. What have you learned about the gifts in salvation through Christ? How can you apply these truths? _____

2) **Gift Grace Leads to Growth Grace** (Romans 5:17, 21)

[2 Pet. 3:18]

- God's abundant grace is amazing not only because it saves us eternally, but it also empowers us to live for Him every day and grow in holiness.

Treating Others By Merit or with Grace [Luke 6:27]

LIVING BY MERIT

I count offenses
I judge motives
My own resources
A "safe" life
Greeting my friends
I hoard
I control
I avenge wrongs

VERSUS

LIVING BY GRACE

I release offenses
I resist the temptation to judge
God's infinite resourcing
A bold life
Greeting the outsiders
I share
I release
God will avenge

C. What area(s) of your life needs God's overwhelming, overflowing, abundant grace?

D. This grace is made available to only those who are in Christ and to those who are humble (James 4:6). Is pride and self-reliance perhaps keeping you from asking for God's abundant grace in the area(s) you mentioned above?

E. We are able to apply this abundant grace in our relationships with others. What person/people in your life are you tempted to treat by merit versus extending God's abundant grace towards them (see list above)? _____

3) **Living Under the Rule of Grace** (Romans 6:14)

- Any life that is dominated by sin is not under the rule of grace. As believers, our lives should reflect the Kingdom of grace, and now we have the great privilege to share God's grace to expand His Kingdom.

[Gen. 1:26, 28; Titus 1:16; Luke 6:26-36]

- a. Submission (v. 11)
- b. Righteousness (v. 13)
- c. Dominion (v. 22)



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F. It's not about claiming to be a Christian; it's about the commitments of your life. Based upon your commitments and passions who would others say the King of your life is? Does your life match the profession of your faith? _____

G. In Christ, we have been set free from the slavery of sin and are now slaves of righteousness. Describe how have you seen this freedom from sin experientially (progressive sanctification) since you have become a Christian. _____

H. What are some practical ways you can expand God's dominion of grace by sharing with others His grace and truth? _____
