

Grace Greater Than All Our Sin

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John Newton once said, “Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Jesus is a great Savior.” We are so inconsistent in our responses to God. Sometimes we sing His praises, but far too often, we reject Him with our words and our actions. Nonetheless, He extends abundant grace to us; first in Christ's finished work on the cross that we might be forgiven of our sin and then by restoring and encouraging us to faithfully follow Him all the days of our life. Praise the Lord that God's grace is truly greater than all our sin.

I. Gracious Revelation – Read John 21:1-14 and answer the following questions.

- A. What idea bookends this section (v.1 and v.14) to help us understand the purpose of this section?
- B. What details are given about the disciples' decision to go fishing? How do things go for them?
- C. After reading Luke 5:1-11, what similarities do you see between the two stories? How is Jesus being abundantly gracious by revealing Himself to the disciples in this way?
- D. What things does Jesus do to reassure the disciples that He has truly risen from the dead?

II. Gracious Restoration – Read John 20:15-19 and answer the following questions

- A. How is the charcoal fire (v.9) a reminder of Peter's recent denials of Jesus (John 18:18)?
- B. What do you think Jesus means (v.15) when He says, “Simon, do you love me more than these?”
- C. What is the purpose of Jesus asking 3 times, “Simon, do you love me?” How is that gracious?
- D. What does it look like for Peter to feed and tend God's sheep? How is 1 Peter 5:1-4 helpful?
- E. How is Jesus' restoration of Peter an encouragement to your faith?

III. Gracious Requirement – Read John 21:18-25 and answer the following questions

- A. According to verses 18 and 19, how is Peter going to die?
- B. When Peter asks about John (v.21), how does Jesus respond? How is this a gracious response?
- C. God calls us to be faithful, not to compete. How does that impact your relationship with Christ?