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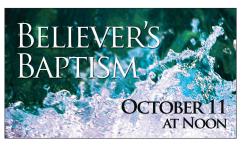
We're glad you've joined us this morning! Feel free to check things out and determine whether we might be a good match for you. We're here to help at your invitation — you set the pace.

If you'd like to explore other options after the service, or if you have questions, please pick up the *Guide to Grace Church* at any exit or speak with a member of our Welcome Team in the hall.

When you're ready for the next step, we'd encourage you to check out a Bible Fellowship (Sunday mornings) or join a Community Group (Sunday nights). Both are great ways to connect with others as you grow in your relationship with Jesus.

Notes

Information



If you would like to publicly profess your faith in Jesus Christ and be baptized, please contact the church office tomorrow to arrange a meeting with a member of our pastoral team.



Grace U is your opportunity to learn more about our church history and beliefs, as well as your own identity in Christ. Sign up online, in the Main Hall, or e-mail leah@gracechurch.com.



Men, come this Tuesday for a new study based on *I'm Glad You Asked* by Ken Boa. We'll discuss in-depth answers to difficult questions you may be asked about your faith. Sign up today!



Join us for this great night of Fall fun for the entire family! Includes dinner, a costume contest, and great outdoor games for the kids. Sign up this morning if you plan to be there!

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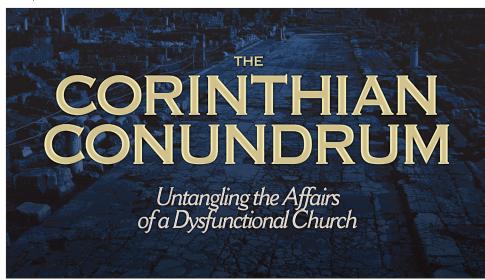
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This morning we continue our study of the book of 1 Corinthians, which began in January and resumed in September after a summer break. If you'd like to catch up on previous lessons, listen online any time at gracechurch.com/podcast

Updates and Family Matters

Senior High Jamaica Trip Meeting Tonight

Our senior high students will be returning to the Jamaica Deaf Village next Summer to work together on building projects and serve the people of that community. Parents and students who are interested in traveling with us should attend an informational meeting this evening at 6:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Fall Nights@Grace: October 28

This year's Fall event for the entire family combines two former favorites: the Fall Festival (costumes and games for kids) and Fall Nights@Grace (dinner and fun for the entire family). It will be the best time of the season to relax and enjoy the company of others in your church family.

The fun begins at 5:30 PM with a free dinner and continues throughout the evening with a costume contest and outdoor carnival games. Adults, this is a great opportunity to invest in our kids by sticking around after dinner to help make the evening great.

Please let us know if you plan to attend using the enclosed information card!

Israel Trip: June 3–13, 2016

You are invited to join us for a tour of "the Holy Land" as we study and experience the region that helped shape the early church. The cost of \$4,075 includes airfare, ground travel, accommodations, and two meals per day. A payment plan is available after your initial deposit. E-mail lynn@gracechurch.com for more information.

This Week

Churchwide

Worship Services

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Bible Fellowships

Sunday, 9:00-10:15 AM or 10:30-11:45 AM

Small Groups

Women's Community Group

Sunday, 5:30-7:30 PM in the Loft

Adult Studies

The Book of Matthew

Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 AM in the Dining Room

The Book of Acts

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Tejas Room

Quest

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in the Conference Room

Men

Solid Answers to Serious Questions

Tuesday, 6:00–7:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in the Loft

Samson Society

Thursday, 7:00–8:30 PM in the Library

Friday Morning Study

Friday, 6:30-7:30 AM in the Tejas Room

Women

Engage

Monday, 6:30-8:00 PM in Room 209

Respectfully Yours

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

Breath

Tuesday, 10:00–11:30 AM or 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 208

MOMs Book Study

Thursday, 10:00-11:30 AM in Room 208

Senior Adults

Cookout and a Movie

Monday, 5:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Tuesday Afternoon Study

Tuesday, 1:00-2:00 PM in Room 111

College & Career

Late Night

Tuesday, 7:00-8:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

Senior High

Jamaica 2016 Informational Meeting

Sunday, 6:00-7:30 PM at the G.Y.M.

The ARC

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at Lamar Baptist Church

Senior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

Junior High

Junior High Youth

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM at the G.Y.M.

5th & 6th Grade

Breakaway

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Loft

Children

Kids' Quest

Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Children's Area

This Morning

Lesson 24: The Supremacy of Love—1 Corinthians 13:8-13 Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

- The enduring character of love: Love will never fail and will never end— 1 Corinthians 13:8a.
 - **A.** The context for this passage centers on the value of love in the use of spiritual gifts—see 1 Corinthians 13:1–2.
 - **B.** Love never gives out and love never gives up—1 Corinthians 13:8a.
- **II.** The temporary nature of spiritual gifts: The revelational gifts and the confirmational gifts had a shelf life—1 Corinthians 13:8b.
 - **A.** The gifts of prophecy and knowledge represent revelational gifts and would cease to be operational—1 Corinthians 13:8b; see Ephesians 2:20.
 - **B.** The gift of tongues represents confirmational gifts and would stop— *1 Corinthians 13:8b*; see *2 Corinthians 12:2*; *Hebrews 2:4*.
- **III.** The incomplete nature of the gifts of knowledge and prophecy: Receiving the revelation from God through the use of spiritual gifts provided limited perspective—

 1 Corinthians 13:9.
- **IV.** The "perfect" provides complete knowledge: When the "perfect" comes, the need to depend upon the piece-meal use of spiritual gifts vanishes—1 Corinthians 13:10.
 - **A.** The "perfect" could refer to the Rapture, when Christ returns for His bride, the church—1 *Thessalonians* 4:13–18.
 - **3.** The "perfect" could refer to the completed New Testament which the Spirit of God breathed through human authors—2 *Timothy 3:16–17*.
 - **C.** At the time Paul wrote this, it could have been either, depending upon whether the Rapture happened in Paul's lifetime.
- **V. Maturity versus immaturity:** A maturity of perspective comes through the full revelation of God's truth—1 *Corinthians* 13:11–12.
 - **A.** Receiving the truth of God through the use of temporary gifts represented an incomplete manner of growth—1 Corinthians 13:11.
 - **B.** When Christ returns at the Rapture, or when the Word of God was completed, provides the opportunity to see God face to face—1 Corinthians 13:12.
- **VI.** The supreme character of love: As valuable as faith and hope are, love provides the greatest expression of the heart of God—1 Corinthians 13:13; see 1 Corinthians 13:7.

Discuss

These questions are offered each week to facilitate further discussion of this morning's topic in small group settings such as Community Groups or over dinner with family and friends. We hope you find them helpful to your spiritual growth.

- Paul describes the temporal nature of the spiritual gifts. What is it about love that gives it eternal relevance as opposed to the spiritual gifts?
- 2. Sometimes we can get too focused on spiritual gifts—which ones we have or don't have, or even which ones are still active today—and we can lose sight of the importance of love. What distractions in your spiritual life hinder you form focusing on love?
- 3. Paul finishes this passage with an emphasis on faith, hope, and love—and especially on love. What do you think makes each of these three things so significant in the Christian heart? And why do you think love is set apart?
- 4. How do you feel God wants to express the supremacy of love through you in your home? In your workplace? With your friends?