

# Welcome

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.

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# Information



Registration is now open for the 2016 adult Jamaica Deaf Village trip. Get details or sign up at the information table in the Main Hall or by contacting Leah Walker at 940-692-4251 or leah@gracechurch.com. July 16–23.



Next month we will introduce our new two-afternoon course for couples who are preparing for marriage. The class itself is free, but an online testing fee of \$35 is required. You must sign up in the Main Hall if you plan to attend.



Guys, come start your day off right with a free hot breakfast (lighter fare is also available) and encouraging words from a guest speaker. Please sign up online or in the Main Hall if you're planning to join us!




The coffee we enjoy on Sunday mornings is prepared by volunteers on a rotating monthly basis, and we have room for two more! If you're interested in serving in this way, please contact Julie Northcott at julie@gracechurch.com.



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# Grace Church

February 7, 2016



This morning we're continuing our study of the book of 1 John. In this series, we'll learn how to fellowship with the Father and enjoy His free gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ. We're glad you've joined us!

## Updates and Family Matters

### Jamaica Deaf Village Trip

This July, we will make our sixteenth annual adult trip to the Jamaica Deaf Village. The isolated island setting and the new relationships you'll form with your teammates provide a truly unique discipleship experience.

We'll work together on long-term construction projects, lead Bible studies and children's programs for the residents of the Deaf Village, and grow closer to God and each other throughout the week. The cool Jamaican evenings are the perfect setting for our group devotionals and outdoor worship.

No sign language, construction, or teaching experience is required—you'll pick up everything you need to know along the way! All you need is a heart willing to work and ready to experience what God has in store for you.

# 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

### GriefShare

Sunday, 9:00–10:15 AM in the Library

## Small Groups

### Community Groups

Sunday, 5:30–7:30 PM at various homes

## Adult Studies

### The Book of Matthew

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

### The Feast Days of Israel

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

### What Did You Expect?

Wednesday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

## 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: Understanding Purpose

Monday, 6:30–8:00 PM in Room 209

### The Armor of God

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

### Understanding and Helping People

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

### MOMs Study: Calm My Anxious Heart

Thursday, 10:00–11:30 PM in Room 208

## Senior Adults

### 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

### 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 5: The Centrality of Apostolic Christology—*1 John 2:18–27*

Tom Rodgers, Lead Pastor

**I. Abandoning the apostolic circle of fellowship:** Those who reject the Holy Spirit's teaching about the biblical Christ manifest the spirit of the antichrist and operate outside the apostolic circle of fellowship with God—*1 John 2:18–23*.

**A.** The proliferation of those who manifest the spirit of the antichrist signals the end of the church age—*1 John 2:18*.

**B.** Those who deny biblical Christology have abandoned the apostolic fellowship—*1 John 2:19*.

**C.** Those who deny the apostles' understanding of Jesus Christ promote a lie that has been exposed by the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit—*1 John 2:20–21*.

“Anointing with the holy oil was a solemn matter in the Old Testament” and “was associated with the Holy Spirit.” “The anointing, as far as” (the Church Age) “believer is concerned, is that he might be taught” (Charles C. Ryrie, *The Holy Spirit*, pp. 72–73).

**D.** The spirit of the antichrist is in those who deny the biblical Christ and the Father Whom He revealed—*1 John 2:22–23*.

Jesus is God	John 1:1,14; 20:28–29; Titus 2:13
Jesus is a human being	Galatians 4:4; Matthew 1:16
Jesus is the Messiah Who is divine	Psalms 45:6–7; Hebrews 1:8

**II. Participating in the apostolic circle of fellowship:** We must remain under the teaching of the Holy Spirit about the biblical Christ in order to be a part of the apostolic circle of fellowship with God—*1 John 2:24–27*.

**A.** Continuing to embrace the apostles' understanding of Jesus Christ and His provision of eternal life is essential to abide in God—*1 John 2:24–25*.

**B.** Staying under the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit about the biblical Christ in the face of erosive teaching about Him is essential to remain in fellowship with God—*1 John 2:26–27*.

# Discussion

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.

1. In 1 John 2:20–21, John refers to our “anointing”. When are we anointed according to 2 Corinthians 1:21–22? What is a crucial ministry of the “Anointer” in our lives according to John 14:26 and 16:13? How might your answer help explain 1 John 2:20–21

2. How do we determine if someone has the spirit of the antichrist in him according to 1 John 2:22–23? What personal experiences have you had with someone who has “lied” about the person of Jesus Christ?

3. Why is true fellowship with the Father and the Son only possible with a correct understanding of Who they are, which would be based on what the apostles believed according to verses 24–27? How is a correct understanding of the gift of eternal life in verse 25 also dependent upon a correct understanding of Jesus Christ?

4. The concept of abiding means to stay in the same place and indicates sending down roots to drink deeply from a specific source (Jesus Christ in this case). How does being deceived by erroneous teaching about Jesus Christ make abiding in Him impossible according to verses 26–27?

5. What is at stake if we fail to embrace the same understanding about Jesus Christ that the apostles did according to this passage?