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.

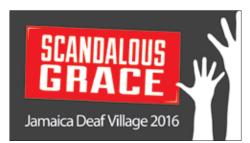
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Information



Men, come build friendships and learn from guest speaker John Lynch during this weekend at Quartz Mountain Lodge in Oklahoma. \$175 covers your room and meals. Get details and sign up online or in the Main Hall today.



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.



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 be sure to sign up online or in the Main Hall today if you're planning to join us.



This summer camp for teenagers in Glorieta, NM is built on the idea of being set apart for Jesus. Activities include hiking, watersports, skits, Bible study, and worship. \$150 non-refundable deposit due at registration by March 30.

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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

Follow us on Instagram

You can now find pictures from the life of your church family in the Instagram app, available for most smartphones and tablets. Be sure to follow our primary account at **gracechurchwf**, along with other ministry-specific accounts that interest you such as **gracechurchcollege** or **gracechurchstudents** (with more on the way).

If you're not an Instagram user, be sure to check our website at **gracechurch.com** regularly—the new photos should begin appearing there in the next few weeks, as well!

Spring Nights@Grace—Wednesday, March 9 at 6:00 PM

We hope you'll make plans to join us for this year's Spring Nights@Grace, a fun evening for our entire church family to get together and enjoy a meal. Please be sure to sign up if you're coming!



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 in 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

Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, 6:30–7:30 AM in the Gymnatorium

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 AM 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

Foundations Study

Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 PM at 2921 Moffett

Junior High Youth

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

Faith Mission

Friday, 7:00-8:30 PM

5th & 6th Grade

Roller Plex

Wednesday, 6:15-8:15 PM at The Plex

Children

Kids' Quest

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

This Morning

Lesson 7: Discerning the Children of God—1 John 3:4–10a

Reggie Coe, Family Pastor

The one who abides in Christ demonstrates Christ's righteous behavior and the one who sins demonstrates the character of the devil.

- **I.** The one who sins commits iniquity, which is the opposite of the purity that characterizes Christ—1 John 3:4; see 3:3.
- II. Christ came to eradicate sin and there can be no sin in Him—1 John 3:5.
- III. The one who abides in Christ does not sin—1 John 3:6a.
- **IV.** The one who sins evidences an ignorance of Christ and spiritual blindness to who Christ is—1 John 3:6b.
- **V.** Christians are not to be led astray but to understand that the one who abides in Him does the righteous actions that show forth Christ's character—1 John 3:7.
- VI. Sin does not come from abiding in Christ but from the devil who first sinned—1 John 3:8a.
 - · All sin is satanic in nature.
 - The devil sinned from the beginning—see John 8:44.
- VII. Christ's purpose in coming focuses on destroying the devil's activity—1 John 3:8b.
- **VIII.** The new nature that God has given believers has no capacity to sin, and sin does not come from our new nature or from abiding in Him—1 John 3:9.
 - While Christians can (and do) sin, it never arises out of our new nature and our abiding relationship with Christ—see 1 John 1:8; Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10.
- **IX.** The clear distinguishing reality between the child of God and the child of the devil is found in the righteous conduct of the child of God—1 John 3:10a.

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.

- What does it mean that Christ came to take away our sins? How will the world be different once He fully deals with sin?
- **2.** How does abiding in Christ prevent a person from sinning?
- **3.** How can sin in someone's life expose his or her lack of intimately knowing Christ? How can sin reveal spiritual blindness?
- **4.** What is the origin of righteousness? What is the origin of sin? Interact with this statement: sin never arises from abiding in Christ.
- 5. What will Christ ultimately do about the devil and his activity? What hope does that give you?
- 6. We have a new nature that is born of God. The new nature cannot sin but we still do (see 1 John 1:8–10). How does abiding in Christ empower us to live in light of our new nature?