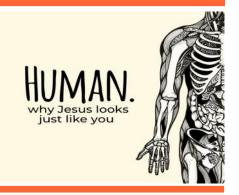


I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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We exist to ignite
a passion in every
person to glorify and
enjoy God everywhere
and in everything.



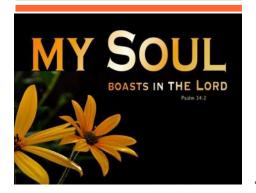
SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE 9:00am & 10:30am

"Jesus Got Pimples and Goosepimples"

Hebrews 2:14

https://youtube.com/live/tykzSMYAOyk

Pastor Benji



To Me You

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. Isaiah 43:1–2

That phrase "you are mine" in Hebrew is literally "to me you." How comforting! We belong to Jesus. That's the most real thing about us. So, even when we pass through the waters, or when we walk through the fire, the most real thing about us is not what we are suffering (though it often feels like it is!). The most real thing about us is that God says to us:

"To Me you."

We belong to Jesus and what comfort that brings! As the very first question of the Heidelberg Catechism reminds us-

Q. 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death--not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Happy to belong to Jesus,

- Pastor Benji







Announcements

NEW MEMBER'S CLASS

JUNE 15TH @ 9:00AM Room 108 (next to the church office)
Our membership classes are geared for those wanting to become Grace Baptist Church members or needing more information about who we are as a church.

"SAVE THE DATE"... MISSIONARY VISIT TO GRACE

Join us on Sunday morning **June 1st** at 9am in Room 503 (the Commons) to meet and hear from our Global Workers **Jim & Lui Whelchel**. Listen to them share about their work with Cru - training people to go global by multiplying churches in areas of the world with few believers.

Have You Checked Out Our Church App?

To load our church app, search for *Church by Ministry One* in the App Store, it's free. Search for Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria, CA. You can sign-up for events, send a note to the church office, or give your offering. *The Bulletin and Newsletter are available through our website at www.gracesantamaria.org.*



CHURCH LIBRARY NEWS...

Recently Pastor Benji published a seven-book collection of poetry (mostly) about his tragic experiences. 3 of these poetry books are available in the library:

<u>Angels Long to Look</u> contains poems about the magnificent sadness of lost love.

<u>What Resurrection Feels Like</u> is a collection of poems about the ups and downs of love.

<u>The Twilight Zone of My Heart</u> is his journey through the pain of betrayal and divorce. They are in the nonfiction section 242.7.

His latest book What Is God
Like? is a collection of his
sermons on the attributes of God."

NEED PRAYER?

Our Elders & Deacons will be available to pray with you after 1st and 2nd service in front of the stage in the sanctuary.