

Ben's Top 10 Thoughts on Grace

(a.k.a Things I Wish Everyone at Cypress Knew about Grace)

1. Grace is the most other-worldly thing in this world.
2. Grace distinguishes the Christian faith from every other worldview, it defines the gospel, and is an immutable aspect of God's character. (Acts 20:24, 1 Pet. 5:10)
3. Jesus, God's King, is the embodiment of God's grace; we receive "grace upon grace" from Him. (Jn. 1:14-17)
4. One of the greatest dangers to a church is a seriously underdeveloped understanding of God's grace. (Jude 4)
5. Grace isn't about what we do for God, it's about what God does for us, in us, and through us. (Phil. 2:12-13)
6. Grace is God doing His good work in our lives; His life-giving, saving, transforming, empowering work. (Eph. 2:8-10)
7. Grace is never an excuse for disobedience; it's God's empowerment for obedience. (Rom. 6:1-14)
8. The indwelling Holy Spirit is a beautiful, personal expression of God's grace; the very presence of Jesus to us and the power of His resurrection in us. (Rom. 8:11)
9. Grace enables us to do everything Jesus commands us to do. (2 Pet. 1:3)
10. We must contend for grace to experience how truly amazing it is. (Jude 3)