

GRACE TODAY

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Welcome to the Lord's day
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here
this morning as we open God's
Word together, sing His praises,
and enjoy a time of fellowship
in His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of
the many fellowship and ministry
opportunities available to
our church family today and
throughout the week.



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8:30 & 10:30* am**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR****Two Antiphons** • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist**Hymn 48 Holy, Holy, Holy** • Congregation**Hymn 24 O My Soul, Bless God the Father****Do Not I Love Thee?** • Trad./Gustafson • Worship Choir**All Ye Saints Be Joyful** • Davis • Worship Choir, Ensemble Sine Nomine**Hymn 2 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** • Congregation**What a Friend We Have in Jesus** • Sanborn • Grace Chung, Jan SanbornMESSAGE: **"O JERUSALEM!"**

Austin Duncan • Psalm 122

Lift Up Your Heads • Bingham • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm****Instrumental Prelude****Songs of Praise** • Congregation**Baptism** • Paul Twiss**Hymn 42 Our Great God** • OffertoryMESSAGE: **SATISFIED WITH SECOND**

Josh Petras • John 3:22–36

Postlude**Anthems****Do Not I Love Thee?**

Do not I love Thee, Oh my Lord?

Behold my heart and see,

And turn each cursed idol out,

That dares to rival Thee.

Do not I love Thee from my soul,

Then let me ever love,

Dead be my heart to every joy

When Jesus cannot move.

Thou knowest I love Thee, dearest Lord,

But oh, I long to soar

Far from the sphere of mortal joys,

And learn to love Thee more.

*Words by Philip Doddridge (1745); music from The Sacred Harp***All Ye Saints Be Joyful**

O praise ye the Lord, O praise His holy name.

(O praise ye the Lord, O praise His holy name.)

All ye saints be joyful, be joyful with singing,

Come and adore before His throne.

(All ye saints be joyful, be joyful with singing,

Come and adore before His throne.)

For He is a shield and stay, for He is the Lord always,

He is God forevermore.

(For He is a shield and stay, for He is the Lord always,

He is God, now and evermore, now and evermore.)

Sing a joyful song to the Lord our God forevermore.

(Sing a joyful song to the Lord our God forevermore.)

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Words adapted from Scripture; music by Katherine K. Davis

* Interpreting for the deaf is provided during the 10:30 a.m. service. Arabic and Korean translation for the 10:30 a.m. service is available at gracechurch.org/live. A limited number of headsets are available at the front desk for simultaneous translation.

Campus Ministries

THE WELCOME CENTER hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

THE MEMBER CENTER has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the north side of the Heritage Building, across from the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class
102 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. • T375

THE PRAYER ROOM is staffed with counselors, ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service, and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School

The following lesson was taught **today** in Sunday School (Preschool through Juniors)



MESSAGE **Israel Rejects God's Prophet and Priest**

PASSAGE **Numbers 16:1–17:11**

PRINCIPLE We should obey and respect the leadership that God has established.

FEATURED HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 104)

ASK YOUR CHILD Why did the people complain?

APPLY By valuing the leadership God has put in your life.

THIS WEEK As a family, read Numbers 16:1–17:11.

NEXT WEEK Numbers 20:2–13; 21:4–9

On GraceWalk

- **Fundamentals of the Faith**
- **Local Outreach**

On the Patio

- **Children's Ministry**
- **Logos Institute**
- **Men of the Word**
- **Spanish Ministry**
(by the Chapel)

Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

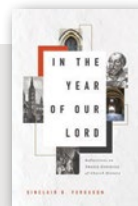
HIGHLIGHT

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD REFLECTIONS ON TWENTY CENTURIES OF CHURCH HISTORY

by Sinclair Ferguson

Sinclair Ferguson takes the reader on a tour of Christian history, featuring stories and songs to give believers a sense of their place in God's kingdom and encourage them in their walk.

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"The Persistence of Love, Part 1"

- NRBTv CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE gty.org

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"

Adapted from the **Generations of Grace Family Devotional**, available at the bookstore.

THE MERCIES OF GOD

A Study of the Key Components of Our Salvation

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” —Romans 12:1

Most of us can recite Romans 12:1 from memory. It is the apostle Paul’s chief exhortation in what is often called his greatest letter. But our familiarity with the words of this command can lead us to overlook a small but crucial phrase: “by the mercies of God.”

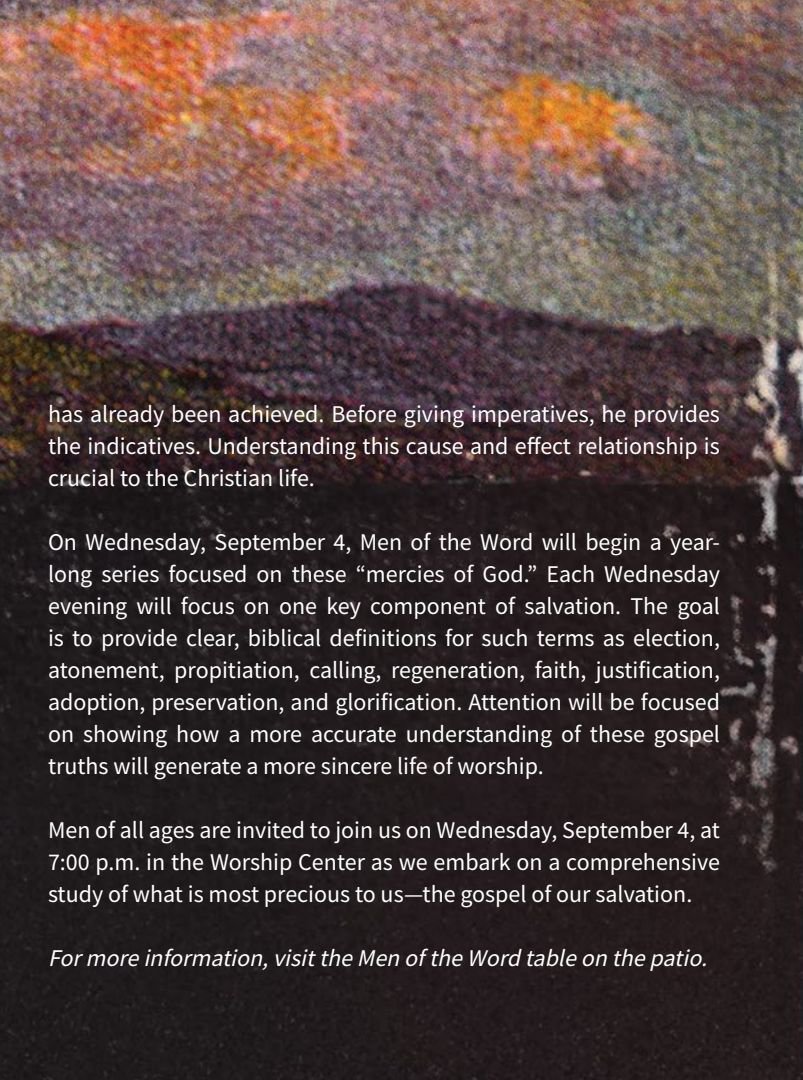
This phrase is far more profound than we often realize. By it, the apostle reminds us that a life of acceptable worship—a life of giving oneself to God as a living and holy sacrifice—is not achieved by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. To the contrary, a life of acceptable worship is only the *effect* of a prior *cause*. A life of acceptable worship is motivated by a more fundamental reality.

Paul identifies this more fundamental reality as “the mercies of God.” The word for “mercies” emphasizes *pity* or *compassion*. It

highlights God’s concern over our miserable plight as sinners. This divine compassion is what motivates us to offer our lives as living sacrifices in response.

But what is even more noteworthy is that this phrase, “the mercies of God,” is not just an abstract idea. By it, Paul summarizes the contents of the previous eleven chapters of his letter to the Romans. Ultimately, “the mercies of God” is *the summary phrase* representing all the great salvation doctrines expounded by Paul in Romans 1–11, and includes such truths as righteousness, justification, faith, adoption, union, sanctification, and glorification.

Thus, Paul does not motivate us to offer ourselves as living sacrifices by pointing to all the things we need to do. He motivates us instead by pointing to all the things that God has done for us in the gospel. In fact, this is the common approach in the rest of Paul’s writings. Before prescribing the commands, he describes what



has already been achieved. Before giving imperatives, he provides the indicatives. Understanding this cause and effect relationship is crucial to the Christian life.

On Wednesday, September 4, Men of the Word will begin a year-long series focused on these “mercies of God.” Each Wednesday evening will focus on one key component of salvation. The goal is to provide clear, biblical definitions for such terms as election, atonement, propitiation, calling, regeneration, faith, justification, adoption, preservation, and glorification. Attention will be focused on showing how a more accurate understanding of these gospel truths will generate a more sincere life of worship.

Men of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, September 4, at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Center as we embark on a comprehensive study of what is most precious to us—the gospel of our salvation.

For more information, visit the Men of the Word table on the patio.

Men of the Word exists to glorify God by equipping and encouraging men to fulfill their God-ordained roles as leaders in the home, the church, and the world. This is accomplished by providing biblical instruction, discipleship, fellowship, and accountability.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

7:00–7:15 p.m.—Singing

7:15–8:00 p.m.—Small Group Discussion

8:00–8:45 p.m.—Teaching Focus

**Beginning September 4*

Logos Institute Fall Classes

The Pentateuch: Redemption Initiated

August 27–October 1 (Tuesdays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Michael Wurtz • Cost: \$50

Theology 101: Prolegomena and Bibliology

August 27–October 8 (Tuesdays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Chris Burnett • Cost: \$60

The Synoptic Gospels: Portraits of the King

September 5–19 (Thursdays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Herald Gandhi • Cost: \$30

Discipleship Counseling 1

September 11–December 4 (Wednesdays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Jonathan Tucker • Cost: \$75

Biblical Counseling 1 (Spanish)

September 9–December 2 (Mondays) • 6:00–9:00 p.m.

Instructor: Jonathan Tucker • Cost: \$75

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/logos.

Student Ministries Parent Emails

To sign up for our email lists, visit gracechurch.org/180 for High School and gracechurch.org/xchange for Junior High.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$14,442**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Neighborhood Outreach

Sundays • 12:30 p.m. • H223–224

This ministry brings the good news of God's grace to our local community on Sunday afternoons. After a potluck meal, participants go out into the neighborhood to present the gospel, invite our neighbors to church, and learn about any needs our church may be able to meet. The ministry also does street evangelism at the North Hollywood Metro Station. For more information call 818-909-5721.

Communion

August 18 • 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. —1 Corinthians 11:26

Blood Drive

Today • 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

The Cedars-Sinai Bloodmobile will be in the main parking lot, on the west side of the seminary building. Walk-ins are welcome.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

Stop by the patio tables this morning to learn how you can get involved in Children's Ministry.

Healthcare Professionals Dinner Hosted by GMI

August 24 • 6:00–8:00 p.m. • Family Center

If you work in the healthcare field, please join us on Saturday, August 24, for a dinner and time of fellowship with others in healthcare and allied fields. Business casual. For more information or to RSVP, email gracehealthpros@gmail.com.

With the Lord

Louise Essex recently went to be with the Lord. Please remember her family in your prayers.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His godly ones. —Psalm 116:15

Elders Meeting

Thursday, August 15 • 7:00 p.m. • CC230s

Open to our church family

2019 ASL Deaf Conference

A Call to Discernment

August 16–17 • Grace Community Church

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/asldeafconference.

Conferencia Expositores 2019

September 27–28 • Grace Community Church

Register at conferenciaexpositores.org

Fund a scholarship at gracechurch.org/conferenciaexpositores

Baby Rose Reminder

To have a rosebud placed in honor of your newborn baby, email music@gracechurch.org or call Sharon at 818-909-5678.

Russian Outreach Bible Study

Today • 12:30–2:30 p.m. • CC230s

If you speak or understand Russian, know someone who does, or have a heart to see Russian-speaking people saved, please visit one of our Sunday afternoon meetings. Join us as we pray about how to reach the Russian community in Los Angeles with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

8:30 a.m.

Anchored (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,
Bill Shannon

Children's Sunday School
Visit the Welcome Center for
room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Cornerstone (All ages) T370s
Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,
Harry Wallis

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

GraceLife (All ages)
Family Center
Pastors: Phil Johnson,
Mike Riccardi

Junior High (Grades 7–8)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Jay Lennington

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Teachers: Josiah Grauman,
José Soria, Santiago Armel

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

Steadfast (All ages) T260s
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School
Special needs class available
Visit the Welcome Center
for room locations.
Pastor: Ace Davis

Crossroads
(College & young adults)
Family Center
Pastor: Austin Duncan

Developmentally Disabled
CC130E
Pastor: Rick McLean

High School (Grades 9–12)
T70s (Basement)
Pastor: Josh Petras

Joint Heirs (All ages) T260s
Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

Mainstream (All ages) T360s
Pastors: Rich Gregory,
Carlos Chung

Sojourners (All ages) T370s
Pastors: William Varner,
Joe Zhakevich

Spanish Adult Sunday School
H221-222
Teachers: Rubén Pidal,
José Martínez, Josué Pineda

Spanish Worship Service
Chapel
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,
Michael Mahoney,
Josiah Grauman

12:30 p.m.

Neighborhood Outreach
H223-224

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Night Prayer Group
T385

6:00 p.m.

Adventure Club
Family Center (Grades 4–6)
Chapel (Grades 1–3)
T270s (Ages 3–5)

Mondays 9:00 a.m.

**Monday Morning Prayer
Group**
Welcome Center

Building Abbreviation Key

T = Tower
H = Heritage
CC = Children's Center

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818-909-5631

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818-909-5500

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818-909-5644

Men
818-909-5537

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818-909-5700

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