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Special Online Edition

Welcome to the Lord's day worship
service at gracechurch.org/live.

"When I am afraid, I will put my
trust in You. In God, whose Word I
praise, in God I have put my trust;
I shall not be afraid. What can
mere man do to me?"

Psalms 56:3-4



10:30* am**BILL BRANDENSTEIN, DIRECTOR***Two Antiphons* • Dupré • Stephen Sturz, Organist*Hymn 373 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**Hymn 327 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**Come Christians, Join to Sing* • Trad./Hart-Rice • Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble*Hymn 363 Every Promise of Your Word**For Your Pleasure* • Ferrell-Nelson-Marino/Huff • Michael BohrMESSAGE: **THE NECESSITY AND JOY OF LIFE TOGETHER**

John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Doxology Hymn*Lift Up Your Heads* • Bingham • Organ Postlude**6:00 pm****Instrumental Prelude**MESSAGE: **INSIGHTS INTO CHRISTIAN PARENTING**

John MacArthur • Selected Scriptures

Postlude

Both services will be live streamed at gracechurch.org/live. *Translations in Spanish, Korean, Arabic, Italian, Russian, and American Sign Language (ASL) are provided during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Doxology Hymn*Hymn 332 Oh, How Good It Is*

Oh, how good it is when the fam'ly of God
Dwells together in spirit, in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruits of His presence here among us.

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord;
And with one heart we'll live out His Word,
'Til the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh, how good it is on this journey we share,
To rejoice with the happy and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging.

Oh, how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit.

Grace to You**RADIO** gty.org/radio*The Beatitudes*

- KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am

TELEVISION gty.org/television**"The Benefits of Abiding in Christ, 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"

Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



MESSAGE **God Is Glorified by Protecting Judah**

PASSAGE **2 Kings 18–19**

PRINCIPLE God will always glorify His name.

FEATURED HYMN "It Is Well with My Soul" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 407)

ASK YOUR CHILD How did God answer Hezekiah's prayer?

APPLY By repenting of not glorifying God in actions and words.

THIS WEEK As a family, read 2 Kings 18–19.

NEXT WEEK 2 Kings 21:1–18; 24:1–25:30

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

VBS 2020 VOLUNTEERS

To learn more about how you can serve during VBS, visit gracechurch.org/vbs or email vbs@gracechurch.org.



Home Devotionals

Join us for a series of weekly devotional videos from our pastors, available online at gracechurch.org/news.

Grace Around the World

The **Rush** Family

Ian & Claire, Camden, Daisy, Jasper, Hugo

Serving in **England** since **2018**



Prayer / Praise

- Praise the Lord for a congregation that cares for each other practically during this time of isolation.
- Pray that our church would fix their eyes on the Lord despite loneliness and lack of in-person fellowship.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/rush.

Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$26,411**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Special Connection Emails

While we're unable to meet together in person, keep current with Grace Church by subscribing to our twice-weekly email updates. For more information, visit gracechurch.org/newsletter.

Online Membership Class (via Zoom)

If you're interested in becoming part of our church family, visit gracechurch.org/membership for more information.

Born Again Parenting

Rich Harasick, Elder, Children's Ministry

Unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.

—John 3:3

Although we don't usually think of these familiar words Jesus spoke to Nicodemus in terms of child-rearing, they really provide a window into the heart of Christian parenting. We know the greatest need of reprobate sinners—including children—is regeneration. And God, in His infinite wisdom, has designed the home and positioned parents to play a vital role in the salvation of their children.

The world boasts a myriad of different parenting techniques, but none of these secular models, however successful they appear, ever address a child's greatest need—a new heart. J.C. Ryle might have been speaking of our own time when he wrote, "We live in days when there is a mighty zeal for education in every quarter. We are told of new systems and new books for the young of every description. And still for all this, the vast majority of children are manifestly not trained in the way they should go, for when they grow up to man's estate, they do not walk with God".

Our desire as parents extends beyond external obedience—our target is the heart. We long to see the miracle of the second birth take place in the lives of our children, something we know is impossible apart from the Spirit's preparation and calling. Ryle addressed this desire, and the means of its fulfillment, in *The Duties of Parents*, saying:

"I know that you cannot convert your child. I know well that they who are born again are born, not of the will of man, but of God. But I know also that God says expressly, "Train up a child in the way he should go," and that He never laid a command on man

which He would not give man grace to perform. And I know, too, that our duty is not to stand still and dispute, but to go forward and obey. It is just in the going forward that God will meet us. The path of obedience is the way in which He gives the blessing".

J.C. Ryle clearly understood the great desire and need for parents to raise their children in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). He also understood the great responsibility we feel to remain faithful to God's command to us as parents. My own experience working with parents affirms this, as many have voiced similar concerns. They feel the responsibility to carry out God's command to raise their children to know and fear Him, and they're searching for clarity as to how they can faithfully complete the task.

The clarity, of course, is found in Scripture. The Bible clearly instructs us how to raise our children and exhorts us to remain faithful to this instruction, pouring our lives into the lives of our children for a lifetime. This is the foundation of "Parenting for Life," our nine-week class on parenting that begins on June 3.

Whether you're just contemplating parenthood, already have a baby or school-age children, or are shepherding sons and daughters through adolescence or young adulthood, come join us as we learn more about the biblical principles and fundamentals of parenting that enable us to fulfill the duties God has placed before us.

Parenting for Life Online (via Zoom)

June 3—July 29 (Wednesdays) • 7:00–8:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, email childrens@gracechurch.org or call 818-909-5631. Study materials will be provided, and space is limited.

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