

The Grace of God and Our Salvation

Titus 2:11-14, Luke 7:1-10, Mat 8:1-4

Introduction:

Do we desire God's favor?

Do we take, or just accept salvation without being thankful?

I. **The example of the unlikely, Luke 7:1-10, Mat 8:1-4**

Who is the most unlikely to be favored by God?

II. **Salvation by the Grace of God is for all people**

Do we limit God's grace to those that deserve it?

John 1:17; Titus 2:1-10, 11-14; Eph 2:8-10; Heb 11:6

III. **Salvation by Grace means repentance, faith, changed life**

John 3:3-7; Mt 4:17; Jn 8:24; Eph 1:3-6

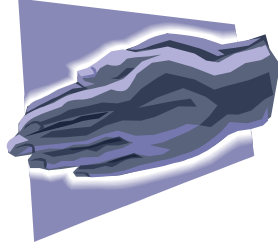
IV. **Salvation by Grace: relationship to God**

Grace restores our relationship to God - are we really thankful for this, or do we just accept it? Matt 19:16 ff.; Mat 1:28 Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened . . .

V. Conclusion

1. Grace is for all, we stand before God because of His favor, not ours
2. Grace comes by faith or believing in God - it requires our faith
3. Grace requires a changed life: repentance
4. Grace restores us to God -
5. Grace requires our thankfulness - Do we desire God's favor?

Kent Broy (Ryan Broy's father) died this past week. The funeral was Thursday at Oceanside. Please continue to pray for the family. **Gary Apple, Tim Chukosky and Megan Davidson** are recovering from injuries sustained in a car accident this week. **Rhonda Davis** is recovering from a fractured tibia. **Rita Meredith, Jimmy Hines, Margaret Strickland, Melissa Vangorder's mother, Gayle Davidson, Pat LeBlanc, and Bob Grassman's father** are all recovering from or anticipating surgery. **Joe Ford (Randa's husband)** has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will start treatment in the near future. The **Newtons** continue to seek prayers regarding their legal issues in Massachusetts. **Paul Keller and Gary Newton** need new jobs. Pray for **Nancy Muriel** and her family. **Richard Pierce (Bruce's brother)** is recovering from a stroke he suffered recently. **Lauren Sutherland, Jim Anderson and Jose Gonzalez** while they are on work assignments. **Mark Smith (Jeff Shepherd's friend)** had been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig's Disease. Please pray for the pregnancies of **Julie Clements, Renee Munro, Valerie Salie-Barber and Tonya Hausbach**. **Jeff Shepherd** is going through some difficult times right now and is asking for prayers from the church. **Sandra Vangorder** is struggling with diabetes and its side effects. Pray for the **leaders of the church**. Please keep our brothers and sisters in Christ who are dedicated to mission work in your prayers.



PRAISE REPORT: Bill Munro began a new job this past Monday.

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES, WINTER, 2009

Sunday a.m.: Great Texts of the Bible, (Various Men, Auditorium)
James, (various women., Ladies Classroom)
Old Testament Survey, (Scott Clements, Young Adults)
The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

Wed. p.m.:

The Psalms (Bruce Pierce, Fellowship Hall)

TEEN HAPPENINGS

Check the Youth Page for further info
Sunday morning classes:
The Abundant Christian Life, David Woodford
Wednesday night classes:
Devotional Topics, CJ Salie
1/25--Winterfest meeting, \$60 due

Family Happenings

World Bible School

In 2008 there were 74 baptisms through the ministries in Nigeria:

Akwa Ibom State - 14 Anambra State - 30

Ebonyi State - 6 Lagos State - 8

Ogun State - 2 Oyo State 14

Since Kathleen has been keeping track, 712 souls have been won in Nigeria!

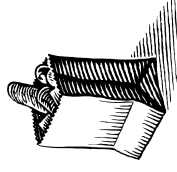
Thanks for all the donations of cards for the VA Hospital. Due to the great response by so many, they are NO LONGER accepting donations. Please find another method of card recycling.

FOOD PANTRY INFO

Do you shop at a grocery store that offers paper bags? Please ask for and save these bags for use in Ocean-side's food pantry. They may be left on the kitchen counter.

Pantry is open Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., Saturdays, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., to the neighborhood, community, and members. For access to the food pantry, please see **Sam or Rita Meredith or Margaret Wahtera**.

If you have time and a willingness to help in the food pantry, please see Margaret.



Piero and Edita Drago are currently in two years of training for full-time Spanish ministry. The training will be at the Alpha and Omega Bible Institute, 6004 west 53rd Street, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72209. The Alpha and Omega Bible Institute is under the supervision of the West Side Church of Christ, 702 West Center Avenue, Searcy, Arkansas, 72143 (www.wscchurch.net). There is an information letter posted on the bulletin board outside the Library/WBS Room. Let's all be praying for the Dragos as they are taking this step of faith in serving God.

Their new address is Piero/Edita Drago, 6004 West 53rd Street, Little Rock, AR 72209

CHURCH SIGN MINISTRY NEED
We have recently had the church sign along SR A1A repaired (power and lighting). If you are interested in posting and changing messages on the sign (on an every other week basis), please see Bill Werner. Thanks for considering serving in this ministry.

FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR 2008
Contact Bill Werner if you would like a statement for your donation made by check for 2008. If you contributed any single donation by check that was \$250 or more, a written substantiation for those donations will be sent out in early January, and will include your total donations given by check by 2008.

Remember the "Recycling Ministry"

Bring old ink cartridges, cell phones and lap top computers to the box in our foyer and they will be redeemed for cash. This cash will be applied to our children's ministry.

SINGLES HAPPENINGS

The Gulf Coast Getaway is Jan. 16-18 in Panama City. It is a college age retreat with attendance around 2000! For info and to register: www.gulfcoastgetaway.org
We will be there to provide refreshments at the X-games on Sunday the 2009 L.A.U.N.C.H. Singles Conference is Feb. 13-15 at the Meridian Woods Church of Christ in Tallahassee!! This is the 9th annual Singles conference in Florida. For info and to register go to: www.meridianwoods.org.
Info soon on singles events at Central Florida Bible Camp, New Jersey, and April 18 in Jacksonville at the San Jose Church! www.launchsingles.wordpress.org to blog about new beginnings

L.A.U.N.C.H Ministries provides counseling for singles. Contact counselor Ken Jones with questions or counseling needs at 321-723-8233 or email at ken@melbournechurchofchrist.org No Charge.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

3--Ruth & Tim Wilson, Gina Gonzalez

7--Michael Clarke

9--David Woodford, Jr.

10--Bryan Pierce

12--Ruth Wilson

15--Willie Bryant

19--Jessica Ximenez

21--Farron Sutherland, Jr.

22--Lauren Branard

24--Xavier Muriel, Emily Stewart

26--Bethany Clarke

27--Margaret Wahtera,



