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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

MISSIONS

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"In Search of the Lord's Way"
TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)



"God, be
MERCIFUL
to me,
a sinner!"

Luke 18:13, NKJV

We offer 4 free Bible correspondence course series by mail:

8 lesson series by Hurt

6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr

30 lesson series "Studies In The Bible"

20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr

Let everyone know!

Obedience and God's Grace

John 1:17 states, "For the law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." This does not mean there was no grace under the law of Moses, as some conclude. Could one say there was no truth in the law of Moses? Obviously not, but this would be a similar mistreatment of this verse. Note the words "was given" and "came" which show this statement is a contrast between the *origin* of two systems: the Old Testament and the New. Moses was the representative through whom the old covenant, the law, came (Ex. 24:12; Lev. 26:46; Deut. 5:1,2). Jesus is full of grace and truth (Jn. 1:14). He is the author of salvation (Heb. 5:9), who came to bring in a better covenant based upon better promises (Heb. 7:22; 8:6; 12:24). God's grace is seen under the law of Moses in that He took a stiff-necked people for His inheritance (Ex. 34:9; Deut. 32:9), went in their midst to give them the promised land (Neh. 9:13-15), and forgave their sins (Lev. 4) by ultimately paying for them later in the sacrifice of Jesus (Heb. 9:15).

Just as we should not conclude there was no grace in the Old Testament, we also must not conclude there is no law in the sense of required obedience in this new covenant of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 5:9 teaches that Christ is the author of salvation, "to all who obey Him." Grace and truth are inseparably tied together in Jesus Christ. To know Jesus is to obey Him and walk in truth:

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1 John 2:3-6.)

Jesus plainly stated that to call Him Lord, but to refuse to obey His will, results in being lost in the final day (Mt. 7:21-27; Lk. 6:46-49).

The New Testament refers to "the law of Christ" (Gal. 6:2), "under law to Christ" (1 Cor. 9:21), and the "law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 8:1, 2). The New Testament is filled with commands, rules of action, and codes of conduct for the Christian.

Why then does Romans 6:14 say, "you are not under law but under grace"? The point is that law-keeping is not the ultimate basis of one's justified status before God. At its root, salvation results from God's grace in Jesus Christ (cf. Eph. 2:8-9; Tit. 3:3-7). Yet, the context of Romans 6 is that grace is far from being a license to sin. When properly understood, it motivates one to live to please the Lord, the provider of grace. Christians, as recipients of the grace of Jesus Christ, have had a radical paradigm shift regarding sin. We are dead to sin (Rom. 6:2-11). How could we live any longer in it?

If people like Noah could find grace in the eyes of the Lord (Gen. 6:8) and be saved—before the law of Moses and the gospel came—by following all God commanded (Gen. 6:22; 7:5), then certainly we should want to be saved by obeying the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24) today. We have a tremendous advantage over those in former dispensations in the full revelation of God's grace in Jesus Christ, which should compel us even more to obey. We can come to Him in faith to be washed in water for the remission of sins and be saved by the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:20, 21).

-Mark Day

Today's Lessons

Sun. AM: Abram's Attitude

Sun. PM: The Failure of the Pharisee

Scripture Reading

Luke 18:9-14

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others:

10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector.

11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector.

12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.'

13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'

14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Elders, Deacons, Preachers' Meeting

The elders, deacons, and preachers will be meeting today at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom for their monthly meeting.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	11/10/24	Goal	11/12/23
Bible Study	76	90	65
AM Worship	119	130	112
PM Worship	79	90	79
Mid Week	76	90	63
Contribution	\$5,631.59		\$5,703.60

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

KEY POINTS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Mason Morris

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Greg Conley

PM: JC Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Jordan Conley, Terry Fouts,
George Wallace, Mark Gullett,
Ernie Perry, Mason Morris,
Evan Gullett

PM Presiding: Greg Conley

Assisting: Jason Fouts

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Gabe Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Jacob Brown

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Jeremiah Smith

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Gabe Scott

BLDG. ATT.: Jeremiah Smith

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.

We hope to see you often.

Dates to Remember

Nov. 17 - Elders, deacons, preachers' meeting 4:30pm

Nov. 29 - Ladies' Lunch at The Armory 11:30am

Dec. 7 - Pancake Breakfast 8am

Dec. 7 - 6:30pm - Ladies' Holiday Party



Youth Notes

Sundays at 5:45pm - Pew Packers in front of the auditorium geared to age 12 and under but everyone is welcome.

