



Grace Hill Church

The Mission of Grace Hill Is to Gather People to the Table of Christ, Who Is the Bread of Life, to Be Transformed by His Grace, Renewed in His Truth, and Sent on His Mission.

The word of God has power to create even more important bonds [than physical family]; and those who hear and do the word of God that comes to them through Jesus find themselves bound in a [new] family community with Jesus himself. Nolland, *Luke 1:1-9:20*, Word Biblical, 395.

There is no higher privilege or greater blessing than to belong to the family of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. This is one of the grand themes of the Bible and one of the great hopes of the soul: to be a son or a daughter of the Most High God. ... [I]n the New Testament the apostle John taught that we become God's children through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit (John 3:3-5), and he marveled that by the love of God (1 John 3:1), through faith in Jesus Christ, we have the right to become the children of God (John 1:12-13): "The Father himself loves you" (John 16:27). Philip Ryken, *Luke*, 377.

But you say, 'If a man tells his father or his mother, "Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban" ' (that is, given to God)—¹² then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, ¹³ thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.' Mark 7:11-13

You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷ You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸ But not a hair of your head will perish. ~Luke 21:16-18

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #20

Question: Who is the Redeemer?

Answer: The only Redeemer is the Lord Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, in whom God became man and bore the penalty for sin himself.

Testimony in Worship: John Worsham, Director of Triangle Fellows

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 8.19-21, 12.51-53, 14.25-27, 18.18-23, Acts 1.12-14*

Luke 8.19-21 Then his mother and his brothers came to him, but they could not reach him because of the crowd. ²⁰ And he was told, "Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, desiring to see you." ²¹ But he answered them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."

12.51-53 Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵² For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

14.25-27 Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

18.18-23 And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁹ And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. ²⁰ You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" ²¹ And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." ²² When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." ²³ But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich.

Acts 1.12-14 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Understanding God's Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *The Sweetness and Suffering of Gospel Family*

Outline:

1. Jesus Creates a New Gospel Family in the Midst of Our Human Families, 8.19-21
2. Gospel Family Can Conflict With Our Human Family, 12.53, 14.26-27
3. How We Navigate the Conflict and the Opportunity: 14.26-27, 18.18-23, Acts 1.14 + Mt. 5.23-24
4. The Powerful Hope of Gospel Family, Lk 21.16-18

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, traditional culture leads some of us to place human family too high. Others of us find Western individualism making human family too low. But Jesus shows us that the gospel is the most important force on all family. God, You have created a new family and you show us how to relate to our human family. Forgive us for the various ways we miss and distort this.

Father, You have made us new in Christ, but help us to better see the wonder of Your Gospel family that even triumphs over sin and death. Enable us to see the newness of gospel families and lead us in all Your implications. Where we need to trust You for reconciliation, give us patience and hope. Where we have to follow You instead of human family, give us courage. Let us always behold You, our Heavenly father and our elder brother Jesus, with clear spiritual sight.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

For he who sanctifies [Jesus] and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers... ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. ~Hebrews 2.11, 17-18

Responding to the Lord with Worship

Taking hold of the Good Word: Benediction (“the good word”)

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Heb. 13.20–21)

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy II. Starts 5/17/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 1. Based on new medical recommendations, for those who have received their final vaccine, and waited roughly two weeks for full efficacy, masks are not required for indoor attendance. For those who have not been fully vaccinated, masks are required indoor for their own safety.
 2. Our live stream will continue, so please make your personal decisions about attending. We understand that some families with children will prefer to continue with the live stream.
 3. We affirm personal decision to continue to wear masks. If you are sick, please recover at home. Let's give thanks to God for continued progress against the pandemic and let's be thoughtful and considerate of our body, since every member is essential!
- **Volunteers Needed:** Grace Hill is in need of volunteers to run sound on Sundays. Please prayerfully consider if this is an area you can serve in. (We will train you!) For more information, contact Daniel Havener: daniel@gracehillnc.org
- **Women's Ministry:** Mark your calendars. On June 26th from 11:00-1:00, (location tbd) the Women's ministry of Grace Hill will have a “vision brunch” for what the future of women's ministry will look like. If you have a burden, vision, interest related to any form of spiritual gospel flourishing for women, please join us for a time of brainstorming, prayer, fellowship and brunch. More details to follow. cathyoodurham@me.com or kaylynfernandez15@gmail.com for interest and questions.
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 1. Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 2. Send a physical check
 3. Use our mobile giving option (either as a guest or by setting up an account):
 - <https://faithlife.com/grace-hill-church/give> or text the word “Give” to 919 296 1330.



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