



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 Rock, his work is perfect,
for all his ways are justice.
A God of faithfulness and without iniquity,
just and upright is he.
They have dealt corruptly with him;
they are no longer his children because they are blemished;
they are a crooked and twisted generation.” ~Deuteronomy 32:4-5

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ~Philippians 2:5-8

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #27

Question: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

Answer: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Luke 9.37-45*

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. ³⁸ And behold, a man from the crowd cried out, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son, for he is my only child. ³⁹ And behold, a spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth, and shatters him, and will hardly leave him. ⁴⁰ And I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” ⁴¹ Jesus answered, “O faithless and twisted generation, how long am I to be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” ⁴² While he was coming, the demon threw him to the ground and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit and healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ⁴³ And all were astonished at the majesty of God.

But while they were all marveling at everything he was doing, Jesus said to his disciples, ⁴⁴ “Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.” ⁴⁵ But they did not understand this saying, and it was concealed from them, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask him about this saying.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Christ’s Glory and Mission Calls Us to Faith*

Outline:

1. The disciples inability to heal the boy because of their lack of faith reveals our struggle. (v. 38-41a)
2. In the midst of Jesus’ display of glory he tells of the shame he will take (and has taken) on for us. (v. 41b, 42-45)
3. Jesus’ example enables us to remain faithful in the midst of glory and shame.

The Vision of Grace Hill Is to Love God and Love Our Neighbor and Love God and ...

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

Lord, we confess that we have failed to remain faithful. We have seen Your glory displayed, but we have repeatedly chosen to be self-reliant. In the process we have failed to see Your purpose as it is being revealed before us. We have not seen the urgency of joining Your mission.

Father, You always remain faithful. You demonstrate Your goodness by sending Your son in glory to us. He took on our shame for the joy set before Him and then sent Your Spirit to enable us to remain faithful. Speak truth to us that we may see our places of unbelief. Then heal those very places that we might live in your gracious strength. Empower us to obey Your calling.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity
and passing over transgression

for the remnant of his inheritance?

He does not retain his anger forever,

because he delights in steadfast love. ~Micah 7:18

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)

Core Questions:

1. **How is the Holy Spirit whispering or shouting to you from this passage? What stands out for you?**
2. **How does the text intersect or engage your life?**
3. **Where do you find gospel conviction and gospel comfort in this passage? (Gospel = the specific act of Jesus taking your sin and sharing with you his victory.)**

Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **Renewed Covid Policy III. Starts 7/5/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
 - Starting 7/5/21, our COVID policy is that masks are optional. While the risk of COVID to unvaccinated individuals remains high* (especially with the circulating Delta variant), GH will not attempt to enforce a mask policy based on vaccination status. We fully respect personal decisions to wear masks, but will not require mask wearing for anyone. We ask parents to decide what is the best personal mask policy for their children.
 - We recognize that parents may wear masks to support their desire for their younger children to wear masks. Thankfully, our adult vaccination rate at GH is very high, but of course we continue to ask that if you are sick or not feeling well (summer colds have increased), please stay home and use the Online Worship Stream. We encourage children to wash their hands regularly, and adults to please be thoughtful about hugs and handshakes, especially towards infants and young children.
 - *note: According to NC DHHS Secretary Dr. Mandy Cohen. "More than 99 percent of new COVID-19 cases in North Carolina are in people who are not fully vaccinated. Vaccines are working."
- **Worship in Offering:** Three ways to worship the Lord with your tithes and offerings
 - Use your bank's BillPay system to give to Grace Hill
 - Send a physical check
 - 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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