



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.

A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵ And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶ But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. ²⁷ For who is the greater, one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

²⁸ “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, ²⁹ and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, ³⁰ that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Luke 22.24-30

Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters. ~Luke 11.22-23

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,

And the discernment of the discerning I will thwart. ~1 Colossians 1.18-19

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹² For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. ¹³ And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. ¹⁴ But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, “If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?” Galatians 2.11-14

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Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #28

Question: What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

Answer: At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

Welcoming Each Other

Giving Worship to God: Offering

Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading Luke 9.46-55

An argument arose among them as to which of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷ But Jesus, knowing the reasoning of their hearts, took a child and put him by his side ⁴⁸ and said to them, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me. For he who is least among you all is the one who is great.”

⁴⁹ John answered, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he does not follow with us.” ⁵⁰ But Jesus said to him, “Do not stop him, for the one who is not against you is for you.”

⁵¹ When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³ But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them.

Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

Sermon: *Living by Jesus’ Culture*

Outline:

1. We Have Problems with Power: Personal-Competitive Power (v. 46), Exclusive-Group Power (v. 49), Rejected-Vengeful Power (v. 54)
2. Jesus Rebukes Us But Shows the Gospel Way Forward Too
3. How We Receive the Little Child

Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

Public Prayer

God, we confess that, like these disciples, we often act out of the power systems of this world—out of our own personal anti-gospel perspectives. In so many ways we pursue our own power. But in this we are fighting against the values of Your Kingdom and the culture of Your gospel. Forgive us. We need You to rebuke us and lead us in Your truth and grace.

Father, Your Son came *down* from heaven's glory, into a *poor* family, and rejected he went to the *despised* cross—for us. It was the only way that we could be received by You. It is our salvation, but it is also to be our culture—living now by Jesus' way. Although it is not natural to us, we say, "Lord, we want your culture; teach us!" We want the life of the Father's house. Spirit, we need a new heart, new eye, new ears, new feet to not only receive but also to live more fully by Your glorious gospel.

Private Reflection

The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ~2 Colossians 8:9

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:

- **Congregational Meeting 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."
- **Course: "The Bible, Slavery, and the Civil War" with Dr. Mark Noll.** Starts Monday, 7/26 – 7/30, 9am in person at Trinity School. Auditors, \$75. <https://ncstudycenter.typeform.com/to/njpFik1z>
- **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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