



# 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.*

Christianity stands in a very different relationship to the person of Christ than the other religions do to the persons who founded them. ... He is not in the usual sense of it the founder of Christianity, but He is the Christ, the One who was sent by the Father, and who founded His Kingdom on earth and now extends and preserves it to the end of the ages. Christ is Himself Christianity. He stands, not outside, but inside of it. Without His name, person, and work there is no such thing as Christianity. In one word, Christ is not the one who points the way to Christianity, but the way itself. ~ Herman Bavinck, *Our Reasonable Faith*, 263.

<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup> He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

<sup>8</sup> By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living,

stricken for the transgression of my people?

<sup>9</sup> And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup> Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup> Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors. ~Isaiah 53.4-12

“Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you.” ~Luke 24.45-49

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## **Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song**

### **Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #25**

**Question:** Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

**Answer:** Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

## **Welcoming Each Other**

### **Giving Worship to God: Offering**

### **Hearing God's Word: Scripture Reading    Luke 9.18-27**

Now it happened that as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him. And he asked them, “Who do the crowds say that I am?” <sup>19</sup> And they answered, “John the Baptist. But others say, Elijah, and others, that one of the prophets of old has risen.” <sup>20</sup> Then he said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” And Peter answered, “The Christ of God.”

<sup>21</sup> And he strictly charged and commanded them to tell this to no one, <sup>22</sup> saying, “The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.”

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. <sup>25</sup> For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself? <sup>26</sup> For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words, of him will the Son of Man be ashamed when he comes in his glory and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels. <sup>27</sup> But I tell you truly, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the kingdom of God.”

## **Understanding God's Word and Our Lives**

### **Sermon: Jesus' Identity Determines Discipleship**

Outline:

1. Who Do We Say Jesus Is? (v.18-20)
2. Does Jesus Need to Redefine Our Answer? (v.21-22)
3. How Does “Who” Lead to the “What” of Following Jesus? (v.23-27)
4. How Do We Follow Jesus into Life, Comfort, Glory, and Mission?

## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Prayer

Lord, we confess that like Peter, we might have the right answer of “who you are” but You may still desire to redefine our understanding. We confess sometimes we doubt that You really had to be our substitute. Sometimes we doubt that You are great enough to call us to follow You like this. Often we are not turning to You to find our comfort, life, and strength in mission. Forgive us.

Father, You sent Your Son on our behalf—as our substitute. It was the only way; He is the only One. He paid for all our sin; He has given us His righteousness. Because of what He did for us, surely He can call us to follow. From who He is, surely He secures our life and profits us everything. Since He is bringing God’s Kingdom, surely He can give us insight, strength, courage for His call to mission. Spirit, help us see Jesus the Christ, and follow Him.

### Private Reflection

#### The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” ~Acts 2:38

### 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 engage or cross 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.)

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#### 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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