



# 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.*

After they finished speaking, James replied, “Brothers, listen to me. <sup>14</sup>Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name. <sup>15</sup>And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written, <sup>16</sup>“After this I will return, and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will restore it, <sup>17</sup>that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who are called by my name, says the Lord, who makes these things. ~Acts 15.13-17

“Hear this word, you cows of Bashan, who are on the mountain of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to your husbands, ‘Bring, that we may drink!’ <sup>4</sup>“Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days; <sup>5</sup>offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!” declares the Lord God. ~Amos 4.1, 4-5

And the Lord said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said, “Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them...” ~Amos 7.8

September 5, 2021

## Expressing Our Love and Praise: Worship in Song

### Declaring What We Believe: New City Catechism, Question #34

**Question:** Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through Christ alone, must we still do good works and obey God’s word?

**Answer:** Yes, because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Spirit; so that our lives may show love and gratitude to God; so that we may be assured of our faith by the fruits; and so that by our godly behavior others may be won to Christ.

## Welcoming Each Other

### Giving Worship to God: Offering

#### Hearing God’s Word: Scripture Reading *Amos 9.8-15*

Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom,  
and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground,  
except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,”  
declares the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>“For behold, I will command,  
and shake the house of Israel among all the nations  
as one shakes with a sieve,  
but no pebble shall fall to the earth.

<sup>10</sup>All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword,  
who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’

<sup>11</sup>“In that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,

<sup>12</sup>that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,”  
declares the Lord who does this.

<sup>13</sup>“Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord,  
“when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup>I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,”  
says the Lord your God.

## Understanding God’s Word and Our Lives

**Sermon:** *The Promise of Restoration Brings Hope for Today and Eternity*

### Outline:

1. All Unrepentant People Will Face Judgment For Their Sin, v. 8-10
2. Jesus Has Established A New Kingdom and Begun the Restoration Process, v. 11-12
3. Final Restoration and the New Jerusalem Will Bring a Kingdom More Wonderful Than Our Wildest Dreams, v. 13-15

## Recognizing our Brokenness: Confession of Sin

### Public Prayer

Lord we confess that we have not offered mercy to others the way that you have offered mercy to us. Some of us have tried to save ourselves by checking off the boxes of “our righteousness” rather than trembling before Your truth. Still others of us have not lived in light of the hope that you offer and the promise of eternal restoration.

Father, You have not forgotten Your people. The restoration that You began with Your Son’s offering on our behalf is still at work by Your Spirit. You are raising us up and restoring us in Christ. Enable us to joyfully offer mercy and peace to each other. Lead us to rejoice in the work that you have done and still promise to finish.

### Private Reflection

#### The Grace and Forgiveness of Christ

He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

<sup>21</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen. ~Revelation 22.20-21

## 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.)**

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### Announcements:

- **CORE Zoom Pin: 989209**
- **New Church Directory:** Mary Erickson has kindly organized a new church directory for us. This is a great resource for our church to make use of. Copies can be found on the entry table (they are bright orange). Please feel free to take one!
- **Women’s Bible Study:** Join the Grace Hill women’s Bible study this fall as they embark on a 9-week study on the Old Testament and how it relates to the Christian faith. The first meeting begins on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-11:30, and will continue on every Wednesday from there. Please come and invite friends! For more information, contact [cathyyoodurham@gmail.com](mailto:cathyyoodurham@gmail.com) or [kaylynfernandez@hotmail.com](mailto:kaylynfernandez@hotmail.com).
- **Renewed Covid Policy: Starts 8/12/21. Goal: robust, Christ-centered, gathered worship**
  - To continue our in-person worship and provide for the health of our community, masks are required at all indoor public gatherings starting Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- **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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