

Theme: The life of discipleship is one of grace from beginning to end.

## I. Intro – Making Sure We Understand

- A. A tough series – call for commitment
- B. Don't misunderstand – upheld by grace!
- C. Paul's hard metaphors in the text
- D. Yet the command is to be strong in grace!
- E. What is the place of grace in life of disciples?

## II. Disciples and Grace

- A. Understanding grace
  - 1. Unmerited favor (Rom 3:23-24)
  - 2. God's Riches At Christ's Expense (Gal 3:13-14)
- B. The effect of grace in our lives
  - 1. Saved by grace (Eph 2:8-9)
  - 2. Sanctified by grace (Titus 2:11-12)
  - 3. Strengthened by grace (Heb 13:9)
  - 4. Serve by grace (Rom 12:6a)
  - 5. Sufficient by grace (2 Cor 12:9)
  - 6. Speak message of grace (Acts 20:24; Col 4:5-6)

- C. Grace: the alpha and omega of discipleship

## III. Living As A Disciple By Grace

- A. Have you received God's grace of salvation?
  - 1. This is the entrance to discipleship
  - 2. Have you embraced Christ with whole heart?
- B. Are you continuing to receive God's grace?
  - 1. Do you regularly participate in means of grace?
  - 2. Do you regularly spend time with God?
  - 3. Do you reflect on God's grace to you daily?
- C. Are you sharing God's grace with others?
  - 1. Do you look for ways to tell others of Christ?
  - 2. Do you look for ways to show God's grace?

### Disciples and Grace

2 Timothy 2:1-7  
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Amazing Grace  
2 Corinthians 13:14

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are **justified freely by his grace** through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.  
Romans 3:23-24

13 **Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us**, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree." 14 He redeemed us in order **that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus**, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.  
Galatians 3:13-14

8 **For it is by grace you have been saved**, through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.  
Ephesians 2:8-9

11 For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men. 12 **It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,**  
Titus 2:11-12

9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. **It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace**, not by ceremonial foods, which are of no value to those who eat them.  
Hebrews 13:9

6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.  
Romans 12:6a

9 But he said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.  
2 Corinthians 12:9

24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me-- **the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.**  
Acts 20:24

5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let **your conversation be always full of grace**, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.  
Colossians 4:5-6