



*Word*  
AN ADVENT SERIES

***December 14, 2016***

# MESSAGE NOTES

Word | Part 3

*He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*

John 1:10-13 (NLT)

## How do I claim my right to live as a child of God?

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Gift.

*He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.*

John 1:10-11 (NLT)

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ the Gift.

*But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.*

John 1:12 (NLT)

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Gift.

*They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.*

John 1:13 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

*If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.*

**Saturday December 17th** 5pm-7pm – Christmas Dinner. All are welcome! Includes musical performance by Grace Kidz. Call or register online.

**Saturday December 24th**, 7pm & 8:30pm Christmas Eve Candlelight and Caroling. Join the fun while we sing Christmas carols, drink hot chocolate and tour the SRQ Parade of Lights on a trolley car ending with the Christmas Story! Trolley will depart at 7pm and 8:30 pm. Call or register online for your spot.

**Church on the Water!** What??? YUP! Let's experiment together. Start the new year off by worshipping on the water, prayer and message! Sunday, January 1st, 8am – 10am. Launching at Vamo Road Park. Bring your own kayak, canoe, SUP or let us know you need one.

### **MARCH 26 LAUNCH Updates:**

Launch team Leaders meeting Wed. 7:15-8:00.  
Saturday Campus wide workday to get ready for launch! 8-12  
Wednesday 12-1pm: Join us in Starting Point for prayer for our church, our city and our launch! Join a launch team-Launch team meetings start in January.

**Sprout Food Ministry Outreach and Community breakfast** 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month in the parking lot. Free breakfast 8:30-9:45 Sprout truck 10-12pm. Join us for breakfast, to volunteer and/or to pick up some supplemental food for the month if you are in need.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Best way to contact you: \_\_\_\_\_

## I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

I would like to meet with the pastor.

## MY DECISION TODAY

- I said **YES** for the first time, and became a follower of Jesus.
- I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

*We have resources to help you with your decision.*

# HAVES

If you have any gifts, talents, professional skills, or life experiences that you are willing to use to help others or to help grow Grace Church, please list here:

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# NEEDS

If you are in need of prayer, a skilled professional, or simply someone to connect with who has been through a similar difficult life experience that you are currently facing, please describe need here:

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*To confidentially discuss **haves** or **needs** with the pastor, please call 941.966.3306 for an appointment.*

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount to: 941.200.1515

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.



**Monday, December 26th through February 4th:** 40 day community fast. Sign up to fast 1 or more of these days.

**Financial Peace University** – Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00pm, January 10th - March 7th. Millions of people, including dozens of Grace Church families have taken this class and changed their approach to money and finances. Pastor Patti & Steve will be facilitating.

**Grace in Action, January 20 – 22,** During this weekend, you will experience and learn about how Grace Church builds healthy teams, establishes clear focus, develops fruitful strategies and structures and gets better at making disciples of Jesus. You will personally experience our recovery and compassion outreach ministries. Please plan to stay for the weekend. Register with Bethany by January 13th.

## SCHEDULE

### University of the Holy Spirit:

Bible Study, Saturdays 11am-12:30pm

### Grace Kidz:

Saturdays, 11am-12:30pm

### Acts 2:42 Weekly Gathering:

Wednesday Evenings 6-8pm

### Wednesday Prayer:

12-1pm

### Sprout Food Ministry:

2nd and 4th Thursday, 10-12 in the parking lot

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