



EVEN

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CHURCH

April 9, 2017

MESSAGE NOTES

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The mystery is that people who have never heard of God and those who have heard of him all their lives (what I've been calling outsiders and insiders) stand on the same ground before God. They get the same offer, same help, same promises in Christ Jesus. The Message is accessible and welcoming to everyone, across the board.
Ephesians 3:6 (The Message)

How can I fully experience and respond to God's grace?

1. I love _____!

My response is to get down on my knees before the Father, this magnificent Father who parcels out all heaven and earth. I ask him to strengthen you by his Spirit—not a brute strength but a glorious inner strength—that Christ will live in you as you open the door and invite him in. And I ask him that with both feet planted firmly on love, you'll be able to take in with all followers of Jesus the extravagant dimensions of Christ's love. Reach out and experience the breadth! Test its length! Plumb the depths! Rise to the heights! Live full lives, full in the fullness of God. God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us.
Ephesians 3:14-21 (The Message)

2. I love _____!

In light of all this, here's what I want you to do. While I'm locked up here, a prisoner for the Master, I want you to get out there and walk—better yet, run!—on the road God called you to travel. I don't want any of you sitting around on your hands. I don't want anyone strolling off, down some path that goes nowhere. And mark that you do this with humility and discipline—not in fits and starts, but steadily, pouring yourselves out for each other in acts of love, alert at noticing differences and quick at mending fences. You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness.
Ephesians 4:1-6 (The Message)

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.

Discover Grace - If you are interested in learning more about Grace Church, who we are, what we believe, please join us TODAY after the service for our Discover class. Light refreshments will be provided.

April 14th, Good Friday, join us for beach baptisms on Siesta Key Beach. Sunset pavilion at 6:00 pm. All are welcome! Interested in being baptized? Call the office to make appointment with Pastor Patti asap.

Women of Grace Church and sisters in the community: Our Spring Luncheon is Saturday, May 13 from 10 AM to 1 PM. at the CAPE CORAL CAMPUS. You don't want to miss it!

Need a little help with food assistance? The Sprout truck visits our parking lot the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. Breakfast is served starting at 9:00. All Faiths Food Bank distribution starts at 10:00am.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – Second Saturday of the month, May 13, join us as we enjoy God's creation. Leaving at 9:41am from Vamo Park. If you need a kayak, just let us know.

Pastor's Bible Study - Tuesday mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail).

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: / / Male Female

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: 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.



Acts 2:42 Gathering ('They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers') – Wednesday evenings, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm followed by Bible Study. All are welcome!

Women's Small Group, Monday evenings, 6:00 pm in the Starting Point Room, Beth Moore's 'Believing God' series.

Join the Sprout Team! The 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. The breakfast team meets at 7:30 am to set up, cook breakfast, cleanup and build relationships with our neighbors. There is another team that meets at 9:00 am to help with food distribution and prayer for our neighbors.

Join the Sunday Morning Team! We need more people on various teams for Sunday morning – Parking, Children's Ministry, Prayer, Band, Tech (light and sound) and Social Media. Come help us with weekly Sunday services.

Special events team: Need volunteers for set up and clean up for beach baptism on April 14.



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