

LADDERS

April 9, 2017



MESSAGE NOTES

Ladders | Part 6

You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT)

What does the cross of Jesus mean in my everyday?

The message of the cross is foolish to those who are headed for destruction! But we who are being saved know it is the very power of God. As the Scriptures say, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise and discard the intelligence of the intelligent." So where does this leave the philosophers, the scholars, and the world's brilliant debaters? God has made the wisdom of this world look foolish. Since God in his wisdom saw to it that the world would never know him through human wisdom, he has used our foolish preaching to save those who believe. It is foolish to the Jews, who ask for signs from heaven. And it is foolish to the Greeks, who seek human wisdom. So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense. But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles, Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God. This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

1 Corinthians 1:18-24 (NLT)

1. It means I reject the world's _____
and embrace God's _____.
2. It means I reject the world's _____
and embrace God's _____.

When the Roman officer who stood facing him saw how he had died, he exclaimed, "This man truly was the Son of God!"
Mark 15:39 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

Piano Party
Tonight April 9, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. Bring a snack. See Alice for more details.

HOLY WEEK

(Fort Myers Central Campus)

Holy Week Wednesday Service
April 12th at 6:30pm

Good Friday
Church open for prayer 9am-4pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
6:30am (outside)

Easter Sunday Breakfast Church
8:30am

Easter Sunday Worship
10am

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:
Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)
Grace Kidz/Youth
Sunday School Sunday @10am
Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date: / /
Service Attended: _____
☐ 1st time ☐ 2nd time ☐ 3rd time
☐ Regular Attendee ☐ Church Member
☐ Male ☐ Female

Name(s): _____

☐ Single ☐ 18-23 ☐ 50's
☐ Married ☐ 24-29 ☐ 60+
☐ Divorced ☐ 30's
☐ Widowed ☐ 40's
☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College

Address: _____
City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____
Ph: _____
Cell: _____
Email: _____
☐ Please update my contact information

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:

GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

go to: egracechurch.com/give

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

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The way has been prepared.

P: For the crowds it is the way of celebration.

L: For Jesus it is the way of completion.

P: Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

L: Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

P: We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ. AMEN.

INVOCATION

O Lord God, whose Son followed your will, both as Servant and Savior, and now rules in the hearts of those who accept him as King: Open our hearts to his rule, that we may rejoice in the blessings of his kingdom and share with those who honor him with their lives. In his name, we pray. AMEN.

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
<i>Last Week</i>	\$ 297
<i>Received YTD</i>	\$ 4,362
Weekly Attendance	
72	

