

The Unstoppable Church – “Grace Saturated”

Do you have a favourite dip, sauce, dressing, or condiment that you like to put on your food to make it taste better to you? (Relevance: This weekend in the sermon Pastor Ron Zappia called grace the “secret sauce” of the Christian life!)

Saturated means to be fully full. Is your life full of grace? Can you cram anymore into your life? What are we supposed to do with all this grace we have from God?

Dig In!

Grace Saves Me (Titus 2:11, Ephesians 2:4-10)

- Salvation is a gift to experience fully. How did it feel when you first knew you’d been forgiven of your sins and redeemed for eternity with God? Is that feeling still fresh? If not fresh, how do you begin to practically rejoice in that knowledge now? Ephesians 2:4-10 says we were dead but now we are alive - What are the signs of that life?

Grace Sanctifies Me (Titus 2:12) Sanctification is the process of becoming holy over time.

- Why do we need training to move away from sinful habits? What are some disciplines that Christians can engage in to train in behavior and thinking that honours the salvation we’ve received? How can we train ourselves to be more humble, more satisfied, more self-controlled, and less profane? How does God’s grace enable us to change our ways?

Grace Sustains Me (Titus 2:13, James 13-17, 2 Corinthians 12:9)

- What plans are you making for the future? How would those plans be affected if the Lord returned to reign tomorrow? Can you reshape any of your future plans so that Christ would receive more glory if you accomplished them? *Hope in Christ’s return tomorrow has no sustenance if it does not change how we plan to live today.*
- Have you ever met anyone who needed to know that God’s grace never runs out? What was their story? How did you share any of your hope with them? Did you get to see God’s power and grace move in their life?

Grace Satisfies Me (Titus 2:14-15, 1 Timothy 6:6-7)

- Are you satisfied with what God has provided for you? Are you asking him for more *things* or for more grace?
- Pastor Ron challenged us to think about the little steps we can make towards being grace-full and gracious. The little steps are how we get there. Take this opportunity to discuss how to put more grace into any of the confrontational situations people in your group may be facing. (I.e., More time with the kids, more compassion with your spouse, more submission to a boss, more freedom to an employee, more patience with customers.)

Break Out!

- Read Psalm 63:1 which compares the absence of God to being in a dry and parched landscape. Are there any parts of your life that are dry, arid, parched and hard that you want the group to pray about with you? If God were to pour out more grace in a specific area of your life, where would you want him to apply it?
- Read Luke 17:14-19. The response to grace saturating our lives should be praise but too often we just get the grace and keep moving on without turning around to give God the praise. What gracious activity do you need to give God praise for?

