

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“The Gift of a Healed Life”**

**“Can We Talk About Christmas” – Pt. 1**

Psalm 51:12, Isaiah 53:5 & Selected

**Christmas means that healing from brokenness is available to everyone who believes!**

### **I. We are all broken and in need of healing!**

#### **We Evidence Brokenness:**

- **By our over-confidence in spiritual matters.**

*“Peter said to Him, ‘Even though they all fall away, I will not.’”*

Vs. 29

- **By our neglect of the things of God.**

*“And He came and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, ‘Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour?’”*

Vs. 37

- **By our fear of other people.**

*“And Peter followed Him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. And he was sitting with the guards and warming himself at the fire.” Vs. 54*

- **By our repeated disappointment of God.**

*“And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how He had said to him, ‘Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times.’ And he went out and wept bitterly.” Luke 22:61-62*

## II. Why does God not just reject me when I sin and am in need of healing?

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1*

### 1. Grace means that God's love is unconditional.

*"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23*

### 2. Grace means salvation is not based on my performance.

*"So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy." Romans 9:16*

*"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, He saved us not because of works done in righteousness, but according to His own mercy." Titus 3:4-5a*

### 3. Grace means that Jesus stands in my place!

*"My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." 1 John 2:1*

### 4. Grace means that Jesus has already taken my punishment.

*"But He (Jesus) was wounded for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His stripes we are healed."*

Isaiah 53:5

*"He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." 1 John 2:2 NIV*

### 5. Grace means that God doesn't hold a grudge against me!

See Psalm 103:8-14

## III. What must I do to be healed?

**Return**

**Repent**

**Receive**

**Rejoice**