

Today's Passage:  
Pastor Tony's message is from the Old Testament book,  
Joshua 22:1-34

Sermon Notes:

Welcome to the Celebration!



New Life Christian Community

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Cor 5:17

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Pastoral Pondering

GRACE

Easter is only a week away, and for me, it always brings into focus the grace of God. God's grace is a gift I can't earn and don't deserve. It is a free gift from my Father. It is a gift that cost His Son His life on a cross and it is mine if I chose to take it. All I need to do is surrender my life to the One who created me and believe in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 2:9 *"But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."*

But we look at ourselves and say no you can't mean me.... *there is no way God could or would accept me.* You are right. There is no way God should accept any of us for the things we have done. We are sinful beings, and God can't be around sinful beings. That is the beauty of what God has done. He has taken it out of our hands and He has given us a way to be with Him. Because of His sacrifice, we can be with God and our plate is wiped clean. He has shown us grace.

There are those of us who say nothing is free so what is it really going to cost me. What can I do or how much will it take to earn that gift? It is like having a friend call you up and say he would like to have you over for a meal. Our first question is often is there anything I can bring? Sometimes your friend answers no I have everything taken care of, just come. You go to the dinner and knock on your friend's door and when he answers the door you hand him a complete meal you had prepared for yourself. What a slap in the face to your friend. It makes me think of how God must feel when He says I have given you this free gift and you don't believe it is free so you try and earn it.

How often, as a husband and father do I show grace to the ones I love? Is it as often as God shows me grace? Not hardly. When I do show grace is it because I want something in return or do I do it out of love? I need to do it out of love because that is what He has done. He has shown us grace because He loves us and not because we deserve it. The love of our Father is so amazing, and as Easter is upon us let us remember why Jesus had to go to the cross. Let us not forget the love of the Father and the grace He has given us.

Romans 3:23-25 *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins."*

Grace to you, Paul Gilbertson

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Please check a box below:

- This may be added to our congregation prayer wall
- Share this only with the pastor and elders

Optional:

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If you would like someone to pray with you today, you may come to the front of the church immediately following the service.

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### This Week's Schedule of Events:

**Mar 23 Afternoon GriefShare Mtg.**  
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.  
Green Room at NLCC Building

**Mar 23 Immerse Family Grp. Studies**  
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. NLCC Building  
**Tapestries of Life**  
7:45 pm Green Rm at NLCC

**Mar 24 Men's Bible Study**  
Book of Acts  
6:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

**Mar 24 Women's Bible Study**  
Book of Hebrews  
9:30 a.m. at NLCC Building

**Mar 24 Evening GriefShare Mtg.**  
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
Green Room at NLCC Building

**Mar 25 Good Friday Service**  
6:00 p.m. at NLCC Building

### Upcoming Potlucks & Meal Teams:

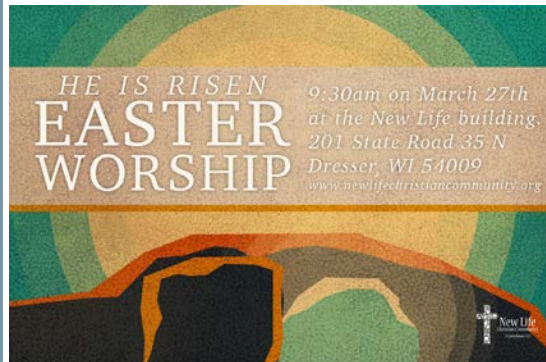
**Mar 20 Meal Team #3**  
**Mar 27 Easter - All Church Potluck**  
before Service  
Fellowship follows our service every Sunday, along with a great meal.  
*Please stay and join us!*

**March Memory Verse:** [Hebrews 1:1-2](#)  
"Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world." (ESV)

## Upcoming Events:



There will be no Immerse activities next Wednesday (Easter week) but we will be having a very important Good Friday service March 25<sup>th</sup> with service beginning at 6:00 p.m. As always, we encourage you to join the church as we FAST following the Good Friday service until our Easter Morning Breakfast meal on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. then Easter Worship service will begin at 9:30 a.m.



Men, please make your plans to attend this year's men's retreat, Biblical Manhood. This year the retreat will be held on Friday April 1st to Saturday April 2nd. There are brochures available on the welcome table with more information. Please take one and let Pastor Tony know if you will be there. Come for as little or as much as you can. We would love to have every brother there! Our very own Pastor Chandler will be leading worship and Pastor Tony will be among three area church pastors teaching throughout the weekend.

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## Announcements and Upcoming Events:

We are so excited to be hosting an evening with Dave and Angie Ziel, our sponsored missionaries from Costa Rica! It is a time of greeting them, finding out how God is working through them in Costa Rica and area, and a time to ask questions. So please keep the date open: **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm at the building. This will be replacing Immerse that evening.



There is a meeting for those deciding to go in July for the week of missions to assist in building the orphanage. We will be meeting Wednesday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:45 pm in the green room (after Immerse.) If you cannot make it, please notify Lorraine or Rene Milner. We appreciate all your prayers. As part of our giving it was decided we who are going to Tapestries of Life Mission would donate tooth brushes and paste to the impoverished people of Mexico during our Ministry Day. We gratefully ask you to help us out with this. There is a Tupperware container at the entrance of the church if you feel led to give.

Mary Anderson has material for bags for Mexico if anyone is interested in sewing. There is also a box at church. Please give Mary Anderson a call at 715-417-0559.



The Pack will be held on **Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>** 5:00-7:00 pm. This event promises to provide fun and fellowship while you donate just 2 hours of your time. **Please register by March 20<sup>th</sup> (TODAY!)** The sign-up sheet is located in the entry way of the building. (Otherwise Pam has to release the saved spots we have for NLCC so that others will fill them.) We are \$9000 short to pay for the pack. The plans are to pack 126,000 meals between the April 1<sup>st</sup> and the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each meal is basically .22 (cents) and feeds a family. Would you please consider taking one, and perhaps more of the support envelopes to help feed the hungry orphans of the world? This is what Jesus has called us to do.

**NEEDED:** 14 people to help "set up" the pack on Friday, April 1st between 8:00 and 9:30a.m. Also 20 people to help clean up the pack (Tear down). We would need people at Hope by 3:30 p.m. for this on Saturday, April 2nd. We still need a few more pans of bars or cookies to sell at the pack to raise money. If you love to bake what better way to serve than to make a pan and bring them, cut and packaged in 3" squares for the committee to sell.

### CHILDREN SAFETY ALERT!!

With all the construction going on in the entry way - we are asking people to be extra careful. Please help us keep our kiddos safe by keeping them from running in and out of the construction area.