

INVITED TO THE TABLE

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 3:16 (ESV)

- Jesus' invitation to grace ISN'T EXCLUSIVE, it's inclusive.

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

Romans 3:23 (ESV)

- Our perspective on grace will change our perspective on PEOPLE.
- At the table of grace, EVERYONE is someone worthy of an INVITATION.

*As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. <sup>10</sup>And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup>But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Matthew 9:9-13 (ESV)

- If we live by labels, we'll never live by GRACE.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3 (ESV)