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Sunday, October 26, 2025: Pour the Salt and Turn on the Light in a Dark Decaying World – Matthew 5:13-16

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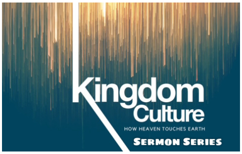

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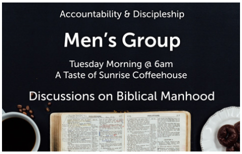
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A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

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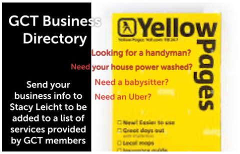
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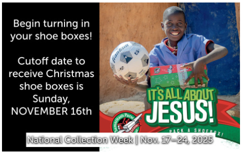

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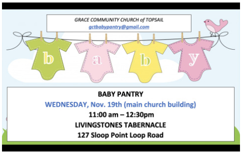

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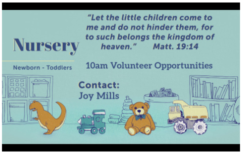

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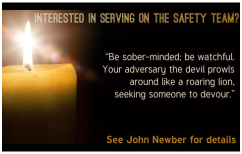

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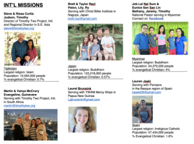

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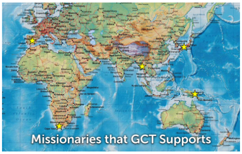

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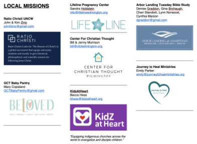

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Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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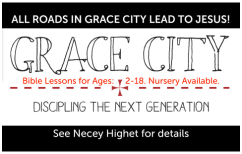

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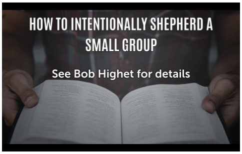

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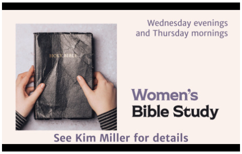

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1 Corinthians 1:26–31 ESV

> For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to...

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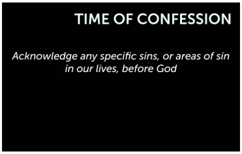
As Long As You Are Glorified



TIME OF CONFESSION

Acknowledge any specific sins, or areas of sin in our lives, before God

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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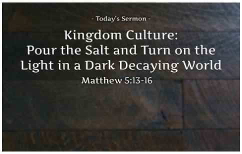
I Worship You Almighty God

Kingdom Culture

HOW HEAVEN TOUCHES EARTH



- Today's Sermon -

Kingdom Culture:
Pour the Salt and Turn on the Light in a Dark Decaying World
Matthew 5:13-16

Genesis 1:28–30 ESV

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said,...

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Matthew 5:3–16 ESV

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
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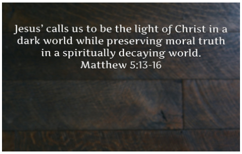

Jesus’ calls us to be the light of Christ in a dark world while preserving moral truth in a spiritually decaying world.
Matthew 5:13-16

Matthew 5:13–16 ESV

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet.
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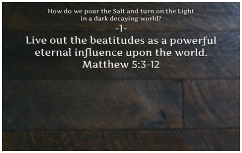
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Live out the beatitudes as a powerful
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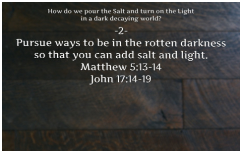
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Pursue ways to be in the rotten darkness
so that you can add salt and light.
Matthew 5:13-14
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John 17:14–19 ESV

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as...

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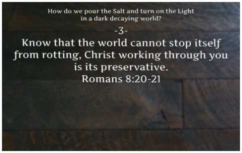
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Know that the world cannot stop itself
from rotting, Christ working through you
is its preservative.
Romans 8:20-21

Romans 8:20–21 ESV

For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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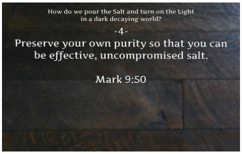

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Preserve your own purity so that you can be effective, uncompromised salt.

Mark 9:50

Mark 9:50 ESV

Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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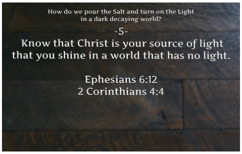

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Know that Christ is your source of light that you shine in a world that has no light.

Ephesians 6:12
2 Corinthians 4:4

Ephesians 6:12 ESV

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV

In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

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John 3:19 ESV

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

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Ephesians 4:18 ESV

They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart.

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Malachi 4:2 ESV

But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall.

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Luke 1:78–79 ESV

because of the tender mercy of our God,
whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high
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John 1:4–5 ESV

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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John 8:12 ESV

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

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John 12:36 ESV

While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them.

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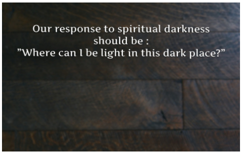

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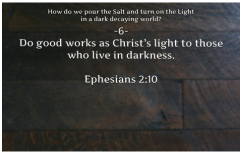

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Do good works as Christ's light to those
who live in darkness.

Ephesians 2:10

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For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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1 Thessalonians 2:8 ESV

So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

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PRAYER

Spend time with God in prayer as we respond to Him in song

♫ **Lord I Need You**

♫ **Revive Us Again**

Acts 20:32 ESV

> And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

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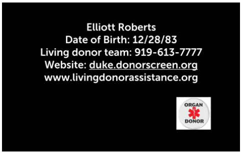

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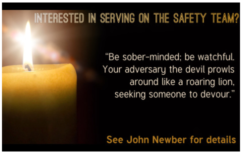

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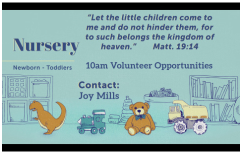

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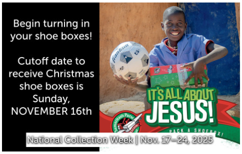

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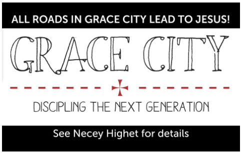

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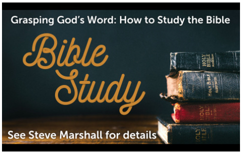

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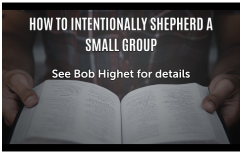

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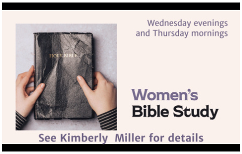

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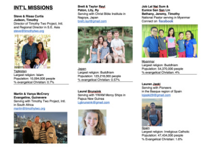

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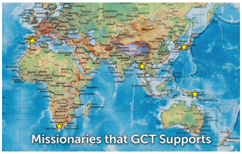

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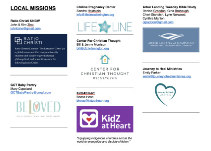

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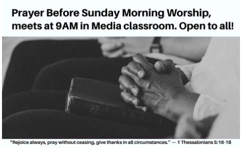
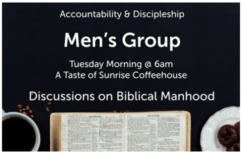


Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

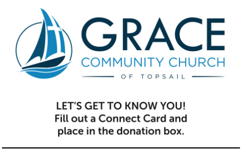


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



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