Anchored in Truth

Week One: GRACE

New Series - ANCHORED

Over the next 4 weeks we will be digging into some Theology. We will be covering God's Grace, Trinity, Biblical Authority & Personal Nature. We will also be teaching parents how to teach your kids these same truths!

• "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."

A.W. Tozer, The Knowledge of The Holy

· "And this is the way to have eternal life--to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth."

John 17:3 (NLT)

GRACE

• GRACE is God BLESSING and showing FAVOR to us, even though we don't deserve it. (getting what I don't deserve)

 What is grace? In the New Testament grace means God's love in action towards men who merited the opposite of love. Grace means God moving heaven and earth to save sinners who could not lift a finger to save themselves. Grace means God sending His only Son to descend into hell on the cross so that we guilty ones might be reconciled to God and received into heaven.

PACKER, J.I. Knowing God, p.266

• Grace can be hard to grasp and we must always be careful not to slip into legalism or license.

• Legalism says, "Grace may have saved me, but being good sustains me"- this is NOT true!

"When people work, their wages are not a gift, but something they
have earned. But people are counted as righteous, not because of
their work, but because of their faith in God who forgives sinners."

Romans 4:4-5

The second counterfeit to watch out for is License, which says, "Grace frees me from everything, so I can do anything"- this too is NOT true.

• "Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? 3 Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? 4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism.

Romans 6:1-4

 And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives."

Romans 6:1-4 (NLT)

Responding to Grace

 Your relationship with God is anchored in His grace. "You didn't behave your way in- and you can't misbehave your way out."

Andy Stanley

• "Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

2 Timothy 2:1