

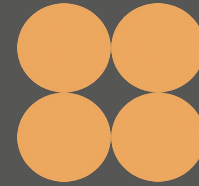


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**“Be strengthened by the grace
that is in Christ Jesus.”
2 Timothy 2:1**



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**Everybody Needs
Good Neighbors**



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Gospel Grace Series ... Gospel Grace Transforms Us to God's Glory, the Good of Others, and Our Own Great Joy.

1. What Is Gospel Grace?
2. How Does Gospel Grace Change Us?
3. What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church? Part 1
- 4. What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church? Part 2**
5. How Should Gospel Grace Be Expressed in Culture?



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Gospel Grace #1 Recap

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2. **Gospel Grace is . . .** God's unique ill-deserved favor towards us in Jesus.



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3. What we do with Gospel Grace is. . .

- a. **Embrace it** — by trusting Jesus (John 11)
- b. **Live out of it** — being strengthened by the grace that is ours in Jesus (2 Timothy 2:1)
- c. **Share it** with a world lost in darkness—by:
 - i. **faithfully demonstrating** it through our love (John 17); and
 - ii. **fearlessly declaring** it as good news (Mark 16)



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Gospel Grace #2 Recap

How Does Gospel Grace Change Us?

1. **Saves Us** from our sin and God's wrath, for new life in Jesus, to God's glory. (**Ephesians 2:1–10**)
2. **Sanctifies Us** positionally, progressively, and perfectly making us like Jesus. (**Romans 8:28–30**)
3. **Sets Us Free** to live out our new identity in Jesus. (**Romans 6:1–10**)



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Gospel Grace #3 Recap

What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church?

People Who . . . **Love God**

- a. **Means** ... Shepherding our whole being towards deeply desiring God for who he is.
- b. **Looks like** ... Devotion and Obedience.
- c. **Produces** ... Humility.



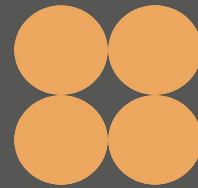
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People Who . . . Love One Another — sacrificially serving one another for our mutual sanctification and unity in community.

- a. **Means ...** Sacrificially serving the best interests of one another.
- b. **Looks like ...** Sanctification and Unity in Community
 - i. Committing to sanctification in community.
 - ii. Pursuing peace to maintain unity in community.
- c. **Produces ...** Maturity.



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**What Should Gospel Grace
Produce in the Church?**



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**Gospel Grace Should Produce
People Who**

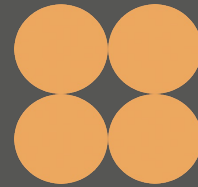
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Love Their Neighbors

- 1. What does that mean?**
- 2. What does that look like?**
- 3. What does that produce?**



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Mark 12:28–33

28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?”



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What Does It Mean? | Mark 12:28–33

²⁹ Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ³⁰ And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ ³¹ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.”



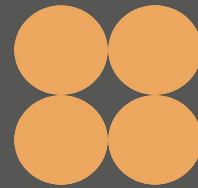
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³² And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. ³³ And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one's neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.”



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Genesis 18:17-19

¹⁷ The Lord said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸ seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹ For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the



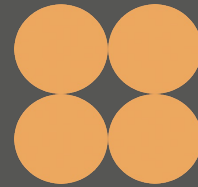
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Lord by doing righteousness and justice, so that the Lord may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.”



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Psalm 72:1–4

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!**
- ² May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!**
- ³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the
people, and the hills, in righteousness!**



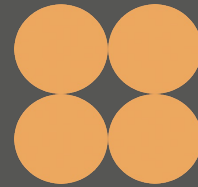
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⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Leviticus 19:9–18

⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.



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What Does It Mean? | Leviticus 19:9–18

¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning.



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What Does It Mean? | Leviticus 19:9–18

¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.



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What Does It Mean? | Leviticus 19:9–18

¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.



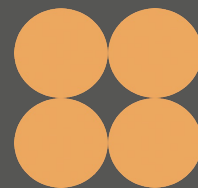
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¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Romans 13:8–10

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



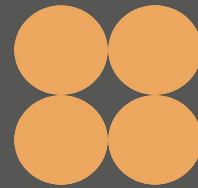
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¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor;
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.



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1. What Does It Mean?



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What Does It Mean? | Matthew 5:43–48

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

⁴⁴ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.



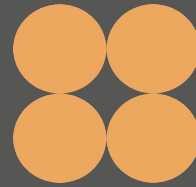
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What Does It Mean? | Matthew 5:43–48

⁴⁶ For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.



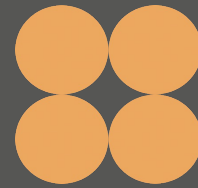
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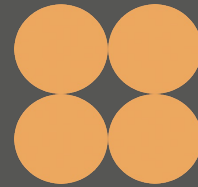
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1. What Does It Mean?

**Seeking the flourishing we desire for others
— even enemies — who are in sufficient
proximity to enable us to serve them.**

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2. What Does It Look Like?



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What Does It Look Like? | Romans 12:14–21

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.



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What Does It Look Like? | Romans 12:14–21

¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.



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What Does It Look Like? | Romans 12:14–21

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.



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What Does It Look Like? | Romans 12:14–21

¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.”

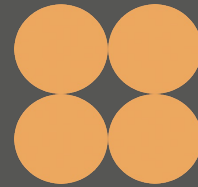


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²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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2. What Does It Look Like?



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What Does It Look Like? | 2 Cor 5:14–21

¹⁴ For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; ¹⁵ and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.



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What Does It Look Like? | 2 Cor 5:14–21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.



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What Does It Look Like? | 2 Cor 5:14–21

¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

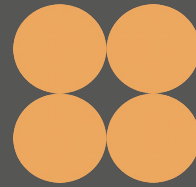


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²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

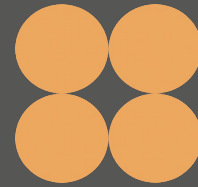
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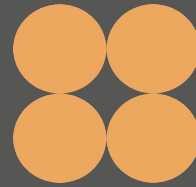
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2. What Does It Look Like?

**Meeting the felt needs of others as
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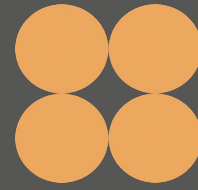
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3. What Does It Produce?



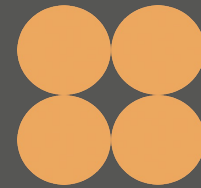
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3. What Does It Produce? Disciples of Jesus



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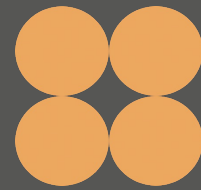
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Challenge:
The Jesus Fish Tattoo Test



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