



Grace, Gifts, Fruit

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Key Points:

- You will never be “good enough” for God; grace says you don’t have to be.
- Grace is God’s unmerited, undeserved, unconditional favor and love for the unlovely.
- The Holy Spirit entrusts **every** believer with a part to play in God’s redemptive work!
- Abiding in Christ means staying connected to keep our relationship with Him current.
- As we yield to the Holy Spirit, He works from the inside out to help us live beautiful and fruitful lives that look more and more like Jesus.
- When grace, gifts, and fruit are not all present together in believers, we misrepresent God and confuse the world.
- When all three are evident in us, we see His kingdom coming on earth as in heaven!

Main Scripture Reference(s):

- Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 1 Peter 4:10; John 15:1-11; Galatians 5:22-23; Matthew 13:22; John 13:35

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think grace “doesn’t make sense to the world”? How does it make a life of following Christ stand apart from moral relativism and other belief systems?
2. In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit’s gifts channeled through you and other believers? Specifically, which of His gifts are most evident in your life?
3. What does it practically look like to **abide** in Christ? Are you engaging with Jesus in ongoing conversation and giving attention to His Word? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you set aside intentional times and commit to ways you will stay more closely connected to Him.
4. Consider the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas of your life where these fruits are not being produced from the inside out. As He reveals places in your heart where He wants to continue working, yield your desires, motives, and self-determination to Him.