

The Grace of God has Appeared

Titus 2:11-14

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I want to invite you to turn with me in your Bibles to the book of Titus, a book that tells us how to appoint elders. That's the book we're in this morning. Please turn to the book of Titus.

And as you're doing that, if you're joining us for the first time this morning, we're in the middle of a series on the book of Titus called the "How to Plant a Church" series because that's what the book is about. It tells us how to plan a church and get it started and off the ground. And it tells us several ways to do this, some simple ways.

For instance, if you read in Titus 1:5, Paul writes there in Titus 1:5. And he says, "For this reason I left you in Crete, that you would set in order what remains and appoint elders in every city as I directed you." We've talked about this in previous weeks, but if you remember that phrase "set in order" comes from the Greek word *ortho*, from which we get the word "orthodontist" - one who straightens teeth. I've asked you before, how many of you had braces growing up, but you won't forget that. That was a traumatic experience for me. I don't think I've ever gotten over that. I had to wear head gear and it left a permanent dent in the middle of my head. I remember that. But the point of an orthodontist is to straighten teeth and put them in place. And Paul says, "Titus, that's your job in Crete." The church in Crete was similar to the church here. When I arrived, it was already started, it was already in motion. So Titus didn't have to start it, but he did need to step in and line things up. And Paul says, one way to do that is by appointing elders.

Chapter 2:1 also says he needed to teach sound doctrine. That's another thing he needed to do. If you look in chapter 2:1, he says, "But as for you, speak the things which are fitting for sound doctrine." That's another way to start the church and get it going, is to teach things that are sound. That word means "healthy". Paul says, "Titus, you need to teach things that are healthy for the church." They say, you are what you eat, right? There are several doctors in this room, you guys give that advice to people. You are what you put into your body and the same thing goes for the church. We are what we put into our minds. And Paul tells Titus, "You plant a church by putting good things in the mind of the people, by teaching them what is right according to Scripture."

And specifically, if you look down in verses 11 through 12, Paul tells him to teach this, to put this into the minds of the people in verse 11, "For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires." Paul says, "You need to teach people the grace of God. That's what you need to teach them in the church. You need to teach them about His salvation that has appeared to all men."

The word for "grace" is *charis* in Greek, which has a broad range of meanings. It can mean a lot of things. It can mean "grace" or "favour" or "mercy". It can refer to the lovingkindness of God and His pleasure and delight in something. But in this passage, the way Paul uses it here, it has one specific meaning, one idea, and that is that in Christ, God has given us something we don't deserve. Paul says, "That's what you need to teach people Titus, that's what you needed to

present to the church. You need to tell them that God has given them something they don't deserve." When Jesus came and appeared on the earth, it was a gift. Do we all understand that? It was an act of mercy. When we say grace at dinner time, we're saying that this food is something we don't deserve. God has given it to us as a gift. And when we talk about grace in the church, we're saying salvation is the same way. This is a gift from God's hand.

And let's be honest, that's not easy to believe, is it? Does anybody here like to believe that you didn't earn your salvation? In a 1989 edition of Table Talk Magazine, R. C. Sproul said,

Perhaps the most difficult task for us to perform is to rely on God's grace and God's grace alone for our salvation. It is difficult for our pride to rest on grace. Grace is for other people, it's for beggars. We don't want to live by a heavenly welfare system. We want to earn our own way and atone for our own sins, and we like to think we will go to heaven because we deserve to be there.

Do you think he's right? I think most people today think they deserve to be in heaven. In a survey done by the National Post Magazine, it was discovered that half of all Canadians believe in heaven, which is interesting because it seems like a high number. But it was even more interesting when you asked them who goes to heaven? How do you get there? You know what the common answer was? The good people. That's who goes to heaven. Those who earn it. Which the Bible agrees with in a sense. You do have to earn your way to heaven if you are going there by yourself. But the only problem with that is that Romans 3:10-12 says, "There is no one righteous, not even one. There is no one who does good." In other words, the Bible says there are no good people. And so the only way for you to get into heaven is by the grace of God, is by His mercy. God has to do it all, God has to earn it for you. God has to pay your way there, you can't pay it yourself.

The story is told of a farmer who was taking his favourite cow, Betsy, to the vet. I don't know if we have farmers here, do you guys have a Betsy? I've heard you don't name the cows you slaughter, is that true? That's just number one, two, three and four. You don't give them names. But the story is told of a farmer who was taking his favourite cow, Betsy, to the vet when the vehicle he was in got hit by a semi-truck and knocked him into a ditch, throwing Betsy out on the road in critical condition. And after an hour or so, a policeman pulled up and he got out of the car and he saw that Betsy was dying, she was in bad shape. And so out of pity, he pulled out his revolver and he shot her to put her out of her misery. And then he walked up to the farmer with his revolver still in his hand, and he said, "How are you doing?" The farmer said, "I'm fine. I'm doing great. I've never been better." I think a lot of us look at God that way. We think salvation is like that. We think God has got a revolver in His hand. We think He's ready to shoot us if we don't say, "I'm fine. I'm doing fine. I'm okay." And friends, the Bible says at the end of the day, you're not okay. You're not fine. You're a sinner. You have broken His law, you have committed evil acts and you've done it over and over and over again so that now you need His help to go to heaven. You need His grace, which is what we're going to be talking about this morning.

I've told you before, the outline for the book of Titus, it's very simple. It's about leadership and then living. That's the outline, that's what it's about. Chapter 1 is about leadership, the kind of

leaders you want in the church, the kind of men you want to appoint as elders. And chapter 2 is about living the way you should live the Christian life.

And after talking about several groups in the church and the way they should live - if you've been with us, Titus chapter 2, he talks about the older men and the older women, the younger women and younger men, slaves. After addressing them, he says this in verses 11 through 15 (I just want to read it all to you), he says, "For the grace of God has appeared." That word "for" says this is a reason for all of this. The reason you can live all these things.

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

Just to tell you a little bit about that last part of the chapter, this has been called one of the richest passages in the Bible and the epitome of Christian doctrine. One New Testament commentator William Barclay, said, "There are few passages in the New Testament which so vividly set forth the power of the incarnation as this one does." And another author said it's foundational to all Paul has written so far in this book, which is why we've said so much about it. If you've been with us in recent weeks, we've gone back to this passage over and over again. I hope I haven't worn you out on it, but it's so foundational to this book. Because the idea is that everything in the church flows from God's grace. The idea here is you can do all of these things. You can plant a church, you can appoint elders, you can be a godly older man, older woman, younger man, younger woman by His grace. You can do it if you know that God does it all, He gives you all that you need. Which is what our passage is about this morning. This morning, I actually want to take this whole section and look at it with you.

So, if you're taking notes in Titus 2:11-14, Paul gives us three powerful reminders about the grace of God. That's our passage for today, it's pretty simple. Three powerful reminders about the grace of God. And I chose that carefully because that's what this is. This is a powerful reminder. This is a summary of all Paul has written so far.

Martin Luther was once asked by a member of his congregation, "Dr. Luther, why do you keep preaching the Gospel every week? Why do you say it over and over again?" To which Martin Luther said, "Because you keep forgetting it." And we could say the same thing about the grace of God this morning, amen? We keep forgetting it. Lourens mentioned that a moment ago. We forget the basics all the time. And so you need to be reminded of that, and that's what Paul does here. We have spiritual amnesia, and to help you with this, Paul says, the cure is found in this passage in three powerful reminders.

And the first one is this, is that the grace of God has appeared to us. That's the first powerful reminder in the passage; the grace of God has appeared to us. Which means we don't have to go around looking for it anymore. We don't have to search for it here or there as if salvation is lost. God's grace has appeared to us. It's right there in front of your faces. And he says it this way in

verse 11 - I've read it to you a few times already. But he says, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men." The word for "appeared" here is *epiphaneia* in Greek from which we get the word "epiphany". It means "coming to light" or "an appearance of something". God's grace has now appeared like an epiphany. A flash of lightning is kind of the idea.

And when he talks about the appearance of it, he's referring to Jesus' arrival on the earth. One author said, "Jesus' coming was an act of grace on God's part, in no way merited by us." When Jesus came, when He became a man and dwelt among us, it was something we didn't deserve. And Paul mentions it here to make a contrast between the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Because in the Old Testament, God's grace appeared as well. The Jews experienced His grace too. They were saved by grace, they didn't earn it. Contrary to what some think, the Jews did not keep the law to earn their way to heaven. In fact, it was just the opposite of that. They were a failure in many ways, if you read the Old Testament. They sinned and sinned and sinned, and God forgave them. But the difference between the Old Testament and the New is found at the end of this verse. If you look, "For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men." In the Old Testament, salvation was not brought to all men, it was brought to the Jews. It came to them. So that if you want it to be saved in the Old Testament, you had to become Jewish or you had to go to Israel and hear the message of salvation. You saw that with several Gentiles in the Old Testament. You couldn't be saved as a non-Jew or just distinct from Israel. You had to go get the message from them. Now, Paul says, "In Christ, the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men." The word "all" means "all" there. If you were to put it in modern terms, it would be all people, all races, all of humankind. Meaning everyone can be saved if they trust in Jesus. We can all go to heaven if we believe in Him.

And tying it back into this passage in Titus 2, the context is this, this means you can be saved as an old man and as an old woman, you don't have to change that. You don't have to become someone else to go to heaven. You can be saved as a young woman, as a young man. You can be saved as a slave. If you notice, in Titus 2:9-10, he talks about slaves and then he says, "Salvation is for all men," because the idea is that slaves are men too. I told you last week that the philosopher Aristotle, called slaves "breathing tools" or "animated instruments" because in his mind, a slave was on the same level as a shovel or a garden rake. Wasn't a human being, it was just a tool. Paul says, slaves are men. That was revolution. Nobody said that in the first century. Salvation has come to them.

And let me give you a simple application to this. Let me tell you what this means for us today. This means that no matter who you are, no matter where you're from or what you have done, you can be saved. God has seen clear to that. You don't have to wonder, "How can I be right with God? How can I go to heaven?" You don't have to wonder, "How can my sins be forgiven? How can I atone for all the things I've done? How can I be a Christian? How can I live a godly life like Titus 2 talks about?" The answer to all of that has appeared to you. You do it through His grace. You do it through Jesus Christ.

Since I've been in Chilliwack, several people from the States have asked me, "What is it like preaching in Canada? How's that going?" And I love answering that because they have no idea. So, I tell them, "It is hard. It is brutal. We don't have running water up here, we don't have electricity. This is frontier missions, it's cutting edge stuff. The Bible hasn't been translated into Canadian yet. It snows all the time." (Walking in here this morning, I'm like, "Where's the AC? It's so hot in here.") "We eat moose for breakfast. I mean, this is brutal." I said, "Look, this is great. I love the church here and for many reasons. But one is because of its diversity." I love that. We have people from so many different places here. What an opportunity to minister. I counted it up the other day and at any given moment on a Sunday, we could have people from nine different countries in our church. There's times I've counted different Bible translations in different languages. And there's four or five people who will come in with their English Bible and they'll bring another Bible with them from their familiar language. And you would think it would be intimidating to preach to a group like that.

In fact, when I first came here, I'm wondering, "Am I going to be saying things and they don't know what in the world I'm talking about? What am I going to say?" Well, I know what to say, I know what to tell you. I can tell you the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men. God's grace has appeared to you no matter who you are, no matter where you're from, salvation has come through Jesus Christ. I don't have to change the message, I don't have to modify it every time I talk to a different person.

Yesterday we went out with the outreach team to downtown Chilliwack and walked around the streets, and we went from person to person passing out tracks and striking up conversations. And do you know what we told them? We told them this; the grace of God has appeared. We didn't change the message. We told them the same thing we tell you. We told it to a long hair teenager on a bike that had no brakes on it. (I said an extra prayer for him because I thought he was going to be meeting God pretty soon. I was just like, "What are you doing?") We told it to a homeless man pushing a cart. We said to two ladies with tattoos and crazy coloured hair. Listen, they all have the same problem. They are sinners just like us, and they have the same dilemma. And God has given them the same answer, the same solution, the same Saviour, and we can tell them that. We don't have to make it more complicated.

Listen, modern sociology, modern psychology says you have to change the message every time you talk to a different audience. You have to tweak it, alter it, mess it all around. The Bible says, "Now salvation has been brought to every man, every person, every human being," which means that if you are a human being this morning, you can be saved, amen? It's as simple as that. If you're a person, you can go to heaven. Which brings us to our next point or our next powerful reminder. The first one is at the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men. It's been revealed so everyone can see it now. After Paul goes into this long list ... by the way, the ancient world was pretty diverse as well. The Roman Empire, they said, "All roads lead to Rome." They had put roads all across the empire. Even on islands like Crete, you had a lot of sea traffic going through there, a lot of sailors and different people that would stay over. And so, you had all types of folks around the Roman Empire. And Paul, who grew up Jewish, says everyone can go to heaven if they believe in Jesus Christ. There is no partiality with God - a life changing message at the time.

Which brings us to a second powerful reminder in this passage, and that is that the grace of God instructs us. Not only has it appeared and shown itself to us, but the grace of God instructs us and it teaches us how to live. In an interesting choice of words here, Paul goes from talking about grace as a thing to talking about it as a person, and he gives it a job to do. And he says, “Grace is a teacher. It's an instructor.” And he says in verse 11, “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age.”

If you notice, as Paul is describing the grace of God here, he gives it to adjectives or an adverb and an adjective in the original Greek. And he says, “It brings salvation and it instructs us to deny ungodliness.” It brings and it instructs. It delivers a message to us and then it teaches us how to apply it.

You may know this already, you may not. But you're not just saved by grace, you're sanctified by grace too, amen? You don't just start the Christian life in grace. You continue it in grace, and one day when the Lord comes to take you home, you will end it in grace, but it's all of grace. You don't get saved by grace, make yourself better by works, and then you go to heaven by grace. It's all of grace all the way through.

And we apply it several ways, Paul says (apply the grace of God). Verse 12 says, “By denying ungodliness and worldly desires.” In other words, grace teaches us to say “no” to them, to say “no” to sin. It teaches us to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age. That's a summary of all Paul has said so far in Titus chapter 2. If you could put all of Titus 2:1-10 together, that's what it would say. You need to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age. Sensible is the idea of being sober minded righteously, living in righteousness, godly - pleasing the Lord. But the point in all of this is that the grace of God changes us. That's really the idea here. God's grace makes us different. They say you can't get struck by lightning and not change. You can't get hit by a truck and not change, and you can't get struck by grace and not change. This makes everything different. Verse 12 says, it does it in the present age, which is important because it means that God's grace changes you now, in the moment, not later on.

The story is told of the time the great missionary Adoniram Judson was witnessing to a prince of Burma, when the prince said, “I appreciate what you're saying, but this is too much for me right now. I got to go home and think about it.” And Adoniram Judson said this, he says, “My prince, what if in the meantime you change worlds? What if in the meantime, between now and this conversation, you die? What are you going to do? What are you going to say before God? No, you need to believe now. You need to trust in Christ now before it's too late.” That's what Paul is saying. The grace of God should change you now, in the present age, it should impact your life now before it's too late.

I told the young men last week, but I'll say it to you this morning. Some of you think you're going to change on your deathbed. You may not have a deathbed, you may just die. We're not promised that. As hot as it is outside, you may die of heat stroke. (That's supposed to be a joke, but Canada's supposed to be a snowy place.) But you don't know what's going to happen tomorrow. And the point of God's grace is it reminds you of this.

I don't know if you've had any teachers like this, but I had some teachers who were life changing for me. They lit a fire in my bones and they put the fear of God in me. One of them was my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. McCloud. She was five feet tall. She was a tiny lady, but she looked 10 feet tall to me. Because she would hit my desk with a ruler anytime I wasn't paying attention. Now, I don't know if you can do that in schools today. Maybe you get in trouble. But in Tennessee in the 1980s, I'll tell you what, she would smack it on the table. And when she did, I was struck by lightning from Mt. Sinai (I'm not kidding). I heard the trumpets blow and the cloud split open and Moses came down with Ten Commandments. That's the kind of teacher she was. She wouldn't tolerate you not paying attention. The grace of God is that way. Some of you can't go home and sin without getting on your knees and repenting immediately. You know what I'm talking about? Your conscience is so tender to the Word of God. You know what that is? That's the grace of God in your life. That's a teacher in your life. Some of you have people this morning you're going to go and apologize to because you sinned against them. You know what that is? That's the grace of God in your life. It instructs you to deny ungodliness, worldly desires, all these things. It smacks a ruler on the table and it says, "You better wake up right now." William Barclay (to quote him again), he said, "The eyes of the sinner must be open to his sin. The mind of the misguided must be led to realize its mistake. The Christian message is no opiate to send men to sleep. It is rather a blinding light to show men who they are and who God is." That's what the grace of God does. He puts a sense of urgency in us.

Which brings us to the last point Paul makes here, the last powerful reminder in this passage. So, just to review these other ones. First, Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared to us like an epiphany or like a light from heaven in the person of Jesus Christ, bringing salvation to all men, all types of people, all of humankind. Second, Paul says, it instructs us. The grace of God teaches us how to live in the present age. Like my kindergarten teacher, it smacks a ruler on the table. Bringing us to a third powerful reminder that I want to include with these other ones because they're all part of the same package. This is all one thought in the mind of Paul. And that is that third, the grace of God gives us hope. That's the third powerful reminder we have listed here, is that the grace of God gives us hope. Paul ends on a positive note here. After saying something difficult, after saying we need to repent of our sin, deny ungodliness and all this stuff, Paul takes it in a positive direction. He doesn't end in despair. And if you read all of verses 11 through 14, it says it this way,

11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

As you read this passage through, you can see there are a few more adjectives or qualifying statements that describe the grace of God here. Verse 13 gives two of them. It says, "Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus." There's two "ing" words there. They're both describing the grace of God. The grace of God causes us to look for a blessed hope and the appearing of Jesus, which are two ways of saying the same thing. They both refer to Jesus' second coming, the time He will appear again on the earth.

Jesus appeared one time to show us God's grace, He will appear a second time to fulfill it and consummate it.

I think you guys all know this, but Jesus is not through with us yet. Can you say amen to that? I mean, are you encouraged by that? You're not done. He's not done with you. If you notice, the word "hope" here, it's preceded by a definite article, which means it's not just any hope, it's the hope, the blessed expectation of the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

It's the idea that Jesus will return someday to take away His church, unleash judgment on the wicked, bring His promised salvation to the Jews and to the nations and establish His reign on the earth. After that reign, He will destroy the universe in fire, judge all sinners and send them to hell. Then He will create a new heavens and a new earth which will enjoy Him forever with the saints in glory.

And here's probably the greatest news at all in this passage. When He does that, He will give you a sinless, glorified body that will be able to do all these things in Titus chapter 2. Do you follow that? When He returns, He will one day give you bodies that deny ungodliness and worldly desires and live sensibly, righteously and godly. God will resurrect you that way. But all of this is tied up in the word "hope", the blessed hoped. This is what you're looking forward to.

I know there's a lot of bad ideas floating around today about end times. I don't have to tell you that. People have some strange notions about it, but I think one of the worst things about end times today is the tone of it. The tone of it, for some people, it's fear and intimidation and those types of things. Paul says, "This is a hope. It's something positive to look forward to for the believer." It reminds us Jesus is coming back again. He's not forgotten us, He has not abandoned us, He will return to get us.

And after saying that, he summarizes what Jesus did for us in verse 14, when it says, "He gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed." The word "redeem" their means to pay the price for something. Jesus paid the price for our sins. It says, "To purify himself a people for his own possession." Jesus did that as well - He purified us from sin. But all this goes back to the idea of hope. Would you guys agree that there's nothing this world needs today more than a little hope. People are discouraged. I was standing behind a guy in line at Tim Horton's the other day and he was just complaining. And I was thinking, "How bad his life? You have all these doughnuts. You have an Oreo doughnut, it's cream filled. Like, what's the problem?" People are so discouraged.

Compared to where I come from, the West Coast, is actually a very positive place. People are PC (proud and confident), right? But even out here, people can be negative, even Christians. Because we look at all this stuff in the Bible and we say, "I can't do this. This world is so godless, I can't be godly like verse 12 talks about. Have you seen my workplace? Have you heard what the guys talk about? This world is so unrighteous and insensible and nuts, how can I be sensible?" Paul says, "You can do that because Jesus gave Himself for you. You can do that because He redeemed you and purified you and He's coming again to take you home and you have hope. Look, no matter how miserable you fail, they'll come a day if you're in Christ, when

you won't fail anymore because He will give you a glorified sinless body. That's the hope you have. There'll come a day when you'll be in a place where there'll be no sin, and that should give you hope.

Several years ago, a little girl's appendix burst on board a ship off the coast in Mexico, and she was so far away from a hospital that they had to do surgery on her out in the ocean at the cost of \$2 million a day. That's what it costs to airlift a doctor and nurses and the equipment onto the ship she was on. It was about \$2 million a day. But the family paid it because they said she was worth it. They paid all that money for her because they said they wanted to do it to save her life. Paul says, "Jesus did the same thing for you. If you're in Christ, He saved your life this morning, but it costs more than \$2 million a day." Verse 14 says, "He gave Himself." That's what it costs to save you. The Son of God paid for it in His blood so that you could do all of these things in this chapter, so that you could be a people for His own possession. He bought you and He kept you and He'll never let you go.

Friends, I don't know where you're all at on the issue of salvation this morning. I don't know where everyone's at on the issue of grace. So maybe, I can just ask you a few questions to get you to think about it. For one thing, has the grace of God appeared to you? And I don't mean theoretically like up in the clouds. I mean personally, intimately. Has there come a time when you understood that you could not earn your way into heaven? I'm not just talking about those bad people over there, I'm talking about the bad people in here. Has there come a time when you understood that you don't deserve salvation? And have you received His grace?

And secondly, has the grace of God changed you? Has it impacted the way you live in the present age? And as a result, are you ready to meet God in the next life? When you die, are you ready to stand face to face with your Creator?

And as you think about all that, do you face the future with hope? Do you have something to look forward to? Does the thought of Jesus coming back again put a smile on your face and a spring in your step? Does it give you joy? I hope it does, but if it doesn't, it can give you joy right now. You can have hope and experience His grace this morning if you trust in Jesus Christ. That's what this passage says. You can be saved today in Him.

I started this sermon with a Charles Spurgeon quote, let me end it with one here. Spurgeon said this, he said,

The bridge of grace will bear your weight, brother. Thousands of big sinners have gone across it, yea, tens of thousands and it has never buckled underneath their weight. And it will not buckle underneath yours. I will go with them trusting in this bridge, I will put all my weight on it, will you do the same? Will you join me on this bridge of grace?

My friends, will you do that this morning? Will you stand on the bridge of grace? Let's pray.

Father, we thank you for the great salvation we have in Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. In studying a passage like this one, we feel like we could never plumb the depths of it. But we just pray, Lord, that it would penetrate our hearts this morning.

For the saved, I pray that they would leave today encouraged, hopeful, joyful at what You have done for them in Christ. In whatever stage of life they're in, older men, older women, younger men, younger women, employees, Lord, I pray You would help them to know they can do all of this, what You have told them to do in Titus 2, by Your grace.

For those who are lost this morning, Father, I pray that they would go out with a broken heart; broken because they don't know the Saviour. But I would also pray they would have hope in trusting in Him today. Father, we want everyone in this church standing on the bridge of grace, we want everybody in this town, in this world doing that.

Father, you've made salvation so simple that we do forget it. Lord, would You remind us this morning in our hearts, and would we go out and preach Christ to a lost and dying world. And may we sing about Him now to Your glory. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.