



GRACE OF CHRIST

LOVE WELL WITH DROPS OF GRACE

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Dear Grace of Christ Family,

Jesus was asked which of the Commandments was the "greatest". He responded with two that basically boil down to this.

LOVE GOD – LOVE OTHERS

We are created to Love God, individually and corporately. I'm not talking about worship, although that is certainly one way we demonstrate our love for God. It's about having a living and growing relationship with God.

We were also created to Love Others. We are called to develop relationships with others in order to demonstrate the love of God in tangible ways. We were also created to be in community. That is why we believe it is imperative that everyone at Grace of Christ be in a Community Life Group. You will hear about the next session of groups beginning this month.

However, to loving others goes beyond our four walls, beyond those we know, beyond those who are at part of Grace of Christ or even in the Family of God. Here at Grace of Christ we want to

Make Disciples who Love Well with DROPS of Grace.

What are DROPS of Grace? They could be spontaneous acts of kindness and love that give life to someone, blessing them with the blessings God has given to us. It could be praying for someone going through a difficult time. It could be an unexpected financial gift. As we discussed last Sunday, what we do here on earth has eternal implications. That little DROP of Grace you provide has ripple effects throughout history and for eternity.

On January 17th you will hear from Love Inc., and how they are spreading the love of Christ. We will once again have the opportunity to support what they are doing with Bags of Hope. Call the Bags of Love if you want. A simple bag, or a financial contribution, is a DROP of Grace that will have ripple effects for eternity.

Let me also remind you what DROPS of Grace is all about in terms of eternity and the Kingdom of God being advance here on earth. DROPS is an acronym you can use to see how and where you can have an eternal impact on just one person's life:

Develop Relationships with those far from God – watch for who God brings your way that you can begin to get to know.

Reach the World with the Gospel – is there some place God wants you to invest with your time, treasures or talents to help take the Good News of Christ to the World?

Offer Hope to the Hopeless – people need what you might have to offer. How can you

provide hope for someone? Maybe it's helping a neighbor – Providing a Bag of Hope – serving at the Yakima Union Gospel or Camp Hope.

Pray for a Revival – Be fully devoted to praying for the Kingdom of God to become more manifest here on earth. There are many opportunities to join others in the church and throughout Yakima, or just begin spending more time in your own prayer closet. This may seem like a simple thing to do, but it requires discipline. Remember, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Serve Like Christ – Christ came to serve, not to be served. Where can you get involved in 2021 to contribute to the advancement of God's Kingdom here on earth?

Because of Christ, and in His Grace,

Pastor Bill