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Mine! Living Like You Belong to Jesus

Free Grace Presbyterian Church

SOME THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION:

God allows suffering to come into our lives to refine us, as it were, to teach us how to be more and more dependent on Him.

R. C. Sproul
Presbyterian theologian

Our cross may be heavy, but one sight of Christ will make us forget all our former sorrows.

Thomas Watson
17th century English Puritan pastor

“And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

Luke 1:16–17

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

Hebrews 11:1

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9

“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children how on the day that you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, the LORD said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”

Deuteronomy 4:9–10

The next time you are wrestling with sin, difficulty, or your own failure, may you hear this shout from heaven: “You always have been in my heart, no matter what happens. I have chosen to love you since before the world began. You are mine.”

Bryan Chapell
Presbyterian pastor and Stated Clerk of the PCA

The seeking of the kingdom of God is the chief business of the Christian life.

Jonathan Edwards
18th-century American pastor and theologian

GOD SUMMONS US BY HIS GRACE

Psalm 145

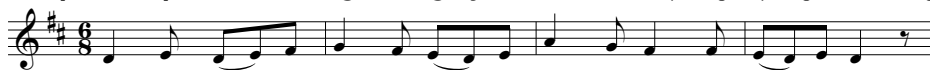
Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

People: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

We speak his praise, declaring his mighty acts “God, My King, Thy Might Confessing”



1. God, my King, thy might con-fess - ing, ev - er will I bless thy name;
2. They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and great - ness dwell,
3. Full of kind - ness and com-pass - ion, slow to an - ger, vast in love,



day by day thy throne ad-dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro-claim.
speak of thy great acts the sto - ry, and thy deeds of won - der tell.
God is good to all cre-a - tion; all his works his good - ness prove.



Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes - ty can reach?
Nor shall fail from mem - 'ry's trea - sure works by love and mer - cy wrought:
All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy saints a - dore.



Age to age his works trans - mit - teth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.
works of love sur-pass - ing mea - sure, works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
King su-preme shall they con - fess thee, and pro - claim thy sov - 'reign pow'r.

As God reminds us of who he is, we hear what he requires from us—our worship. Fear of God means recognizing both his awesome power and the wonder of his love for us.

"O for a Thousand Tongues"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains six lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line in each measure.

Chord symbols for the first system: F/A, C, F, C, Dm, C, F, C7, F, C.

Chord symbols for the second system: F, F/A, Bb, F/C, C7, F.

Lyrics for the first system:

1.O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise, the
 2.My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim, to
 3.Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis
 4.He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris 'ner free; his
 5.He speaks and, list-'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive; the
 6.Hear him, ye deaf, his praise, ye dumb, your loos-en'd tongues em - ploy; ye

Lyrics for the second system:

6 glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
 spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
 mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 blind, be - hold your Sav - ior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

Sing praises to the
 LORD, who sits
 enthroned in Zion!
 Tell among the
 peoples his
 deeds!
 Psalm 9

GOD SANCTIFIES US BY HIS GRACE

God declares that all we offer him is polluted

"A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, ... who despise my name. But you say, 'How have we despised your name?' By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, 'How have we polluted you?' By saying that the LORD's table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts."

Malachi 1

We entreat the Lord's favor that he would be gracious to us, confessing our sin and resting in his mercy

We use this time in God's presence to confess our sins and our need for God's grace, silently, personally, before him alone. We invite you to join us in sorrow over your sin and joy in his grace and mercy in Jesus Christ.

Worship must include a recognition of our sin. Without it, our worship lacks integrity. Honesty demands that when we approach God, we confess our sins that offend him.

God declares his grace to us

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Psalms 103

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

1 Peter 1

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 89

We boast of the Lord's mercy to us

"Thy Mercy, My God"



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
 2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which
 4. Great Fath - er of mer - cies, thy good - ness I own, and the



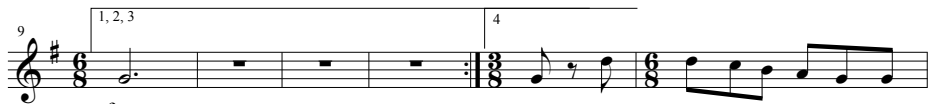
joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue; thy
 sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - rant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground and
 praise to the Spi - rit, whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul
 he that first made me still keeps me a -
 weep for the praise of the mer - cy I've
 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness



fast.
 live.
 found. mine; all praise to the Spi - rit, whose



whis - per di - vine seals mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

GOD SPEAKS WITH US BY HIS GRACE

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts?’ ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

Malachi 3:13-4:6

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

4 ¹For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

In Scripture, Jesus cries out to us, “Come to me.” We come to him, the Word made flesh (John 1), as we come to the Word of God, the Bible. It is here that he confronts us with all the glory and grace of God.

Sermon

Rev. Adam Lee

Mine! Living Like You Belong to Jesus

Mine! Living Like You Belong to Jesus
Malachi 3:13-4:6

1. In words **(3:13-16)**

2. In hopes **(3:17, 4:1-4)**

The function of the pulpit is not to entertain, to amuse, to satisfy an idle curiosity: it is to instruct, to inspire, to fire the heart and mind, to implant within us noble desires and ambitions: and, above all to keep ever before men the one supreme figure in history, the Lord Jesus Christ, and to beget within them a passion for him, and for a Christly life.

Francis Grimké

3. In relationship **(3:17-18, 4:5-6)**

By his grace, we live like we belong to him

"All to Jesus I Surrender"

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow,
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN
 C F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.

F C F C/G G⁷ C 7

All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."
 Matthew 16

GOD STRENGTHENS US BY HIS GRACE

The Lord's Supper is a physical action established by Jesus through which God acts to nourish, sustain, comfort, challenge, teach, and assure us. Celebrating the Lord's Supper nourishes our faith and stirs our imaginations to perceive the work of God and the contours of the gospel more clearly.

We celebrate the Lord's Supper, proclaiming the death of Jesus Christ as the price paid for us

We celebrate God's free grace to us in Jesus Christ by observing the Lord's Supper each Sunday. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized followers of Jesus Christ under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and drinking the cup, you are acknowledging that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for your salvation. If you have any doubts about your participation, please speak to one of the elders after the service.

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)"



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us,
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you,
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you,
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond



and we re-mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for -
eat and re-mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
drink and re-mem - ber; He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
price to make us one. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
ceive the life of God. So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His
bo - dy here on earth. As we share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

We declare that we belong to God and give our tithes, our offerings, and our lives to him

Elder: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.

Heidelberg Catechism #1

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Elder: How do you know this?

People: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8

Elder: What then shall we say to these things?

People: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

We cry out in prayer for God to disturb us when we are not living fully as his

Almighty Father, we thank you
for calling us into the community of those who belong to Jesus Christ,
For making us strangers no longer but your children,
pilgrims together on the way to your kingdom.

Disturb us, Lord, when
We are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true,
Because we have dreamed too little,
When we arrive safely
Because we sailed too close to shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
With the abundance of things we possess
We have lost our thirst for the waters of life;
We have ceased to dream of eternity;
And in our efforts to build a new earth,
We have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly, to venture on wilder seas
Where storms will show your mastery;
Where losing sight of the land, we shall find the stars.
We ask you to push back the horizons of our hopes;
And to push us into the future in strength, courage, hope, and love.
Amen

Prayer...is the means by which an empty soul that has been touched by Jesus Christ can be thrust beneath the life-giving fountain of God's grace, can bask in God's goodness, and can be supernaturally refreshed for life's task. Prayer is the Christian's antidote for anxiety.
James Montgomery Boice

GOD SENDS US BY HIS GRACE

We rejoice that the promised messenger came "Away in a Manger (All Glory to Jesus)"



1. A - way in a man-ger a ba - by is__ born. The Sov - reign of heav-en whom
 2. A - way in a man-ger a Ser-vant is__ born, made noth - ing to raise up the
 3. A - way in a man-ger a Sav - ior is__ born. The crown he'll be giv - en will



an - gels a - dore is wrapped in the weak - ness of our mor - tal frame. The
 hope - less and poor. With grace as his bur - den and love as his yoke, the
 pierce him with thorns. The King will be cursed with our sin and our shame. The



lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.
 gen - tle Lord Je - sus will shep-herd our souls.
 blame-less Lord Je - sus will die in our - - - place.



All glo - ry to Je - sus for - ev - er. We lift high the name__ of our



Sav - ior. All glo - ry to Je - sus for - ev - er. We lift high the name



__ of our Sav - ior. 4. A - way in a man-ger a



Li - on is__ born. The dark - ness will trem - ble at his might - y roar. His mer - cy will



tri-umph and death will be slain! The ris - en Lord Je - sus for - ev - er will reign.

And when they saw
 it, they made
 known the saying
 that had been told
 them concerning
 this child. And all
 who heard it
 wondered at what
 the shepherds told
 them.
 Luke 2

We receive God's blessing promised to his people and secured by the promised One who came

Leader: For you are a people holy to the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth... The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: Amen

Please stay and join us for a time of enjoying each other's company.

This is a time to share in life together as the gospel calls us as we reconnect with those we know, and as we meet someone new.

Deuteronomy 14

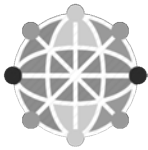
Numbers 6



Welcome to Free Grace

We are a broken church full of broken people. We know we need God's free grace. Some of us have accepted this grace, some are exploring what it's all about. All of us are still trying to understand it. We are a church that seeks to proclaim this free grace of God with both our words and our lives. Not satisfied with simply talking about it, we want to live it out. We invite you to come, explore, and live God's free grace with us.

Our Connections



Free Grace is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a family of churches that seeks to be faithful to the Scriptures, true to the Reformed faith, and obedient to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.

Our Leadership

Free Grace is lead by her elders, men called by God and set apart by the church to care and lead her as individual members, families, and as a whole. Our elders are:

Rev. Dr. Per Almquist
Brian Cosgrove
Rev. Adam Lee
Ken Morris
Ben Van Dyke



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Our pain, our struggles,
our dissatisfaction with life:
signs of God's pursuing love for us.

broken people
bound together in Christ
for God's glory

