Grace Series 3 of 3 Extending Grace to Others Romans 12, 14, 15

- 1. Understanding Grace
- 2. Standing Firm in Grace
- 3. Extending Grace to Others

## dictionary definition of Grace

**Grace** - (in Christian belief) the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.

#### Favor

Noun - approval, support, or liking for someone or something. Verb - feel or show approval or preference for.

Conditional favor or approval is based on our performance. This is the way of the world and we are steeped in this way of thinking that carries over into our relationship with God. Am I living up to the expectations of others?

### Access to Grace through Faith Romans 5:1-2

- Justified- Just as if I had never sinned
  - Freedom from condemnation and guilt
  - Free to enjoy God's presence (being with Him)
- Access is by Faith -
- Through Our Lord Jesus Christ the way He gets us there

We have been called to not only enter or access this grace but to take a firm stand in it.

# The Struggle is Real

• Paul's Admonition to Timothy 2 Timothy 2:1

How Do We Take Our Stand in Grace?

- 1. By Offering Ourselves Up as a Living Sacrifice Romans 12:1
- 2. Transforming of our Mind Romans 12:2

Extending Grace to Others or How do we walk with others in the midst of imperfection and without killing each other?

Grace in the Middle of Weakness 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Grace for Serving Others Romans 12:3-8

- Anchored in Grace by the grace given me
- Think of yourself with sober judgment
- Each member belongs to all the others
- We have different gifts or abilities
- Put your ability into action

## Dealing with the Weaknesses of Others Romans 14:1-4

- Accept or Tolerate
- Treat With Contempt
- Judge
- God has accepted them
- Who Are You to Judge another's servant?
- We feel like we have to "FIX" Them
- God will make them stand

We Live for God Romans 14:5-10

No Stumbling Blocks Romans 14:13-17

Bear with the Failings of Others Romans 15:1-4

- It is ok for you to be weak as long as it doesn't affect me
- Extending Grace by bearing with... Not treating others the way they deserve but by grace. Acts of love
- Jesus our example

Treat Others with the same Grace we have received Romans 15:5-7

A Living Sacrifice Romans 12:1-2