

TODAY'S MESSAGE

Our Chapter in the Story of Redemption

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III. Christians in this Chapter of the Story (v. 10-13)

A. A Christian's role in the chapter will be marked by

_____ and _____

IV. The Story Ends with the _____ of God

"There, peeping among the cloud-wrack above a dark tor high up in the mountains, Sam saw a white star twinkle for a while. The beauty of it smote his heart, as he looked up out of the forsaken land, and hope returned to him. For like a shaft, clear and cold, the thought pierced him that in the end the Shadow was only a small and passing thing: there was light and high beauty for ever beyond its reach." - From "The Land of Shadow" in JRR Tolkien's *The Return of the King*

I. The Encouragement of _____ (v. 1)

II. The Chapter We Find Ourselves In (v. 2-9)

A. People are corrupted in _____ (v. 2-4)

B. People are corrupted in _____ (v. 5)

C. People are corrupted in _____ (v. 6-9)

Ovid on the Story of Narcissus (Book III of *The Metamorphoses*):

"In sum, he now is struck with wonder by what's wonderful in him. Unwittingly, he wants himself; he praises, but his praise is for himself; he is the seeker and the sought, the longed-for and the one who longs; he is the arsonist - and is the scorched..."

...Why try to grip an image? He does not exist - the one you love and long for. If you turn away, he'll fade; the face that you discern is but a shadow, your reflected form. That shape has nothing of its own: it comes with you, with you it stays; *it will retreat* when you have gone - if you can ever leave!" (trans. Mandelbaum)

OUR VISION...

*To see lives, families
our community and
the world transformed
by the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.*

OUR MISSION...

*To celebrate,
proclaim and live
the Gospel of
Jesus Christ on the
Central Coast
and beyond!*

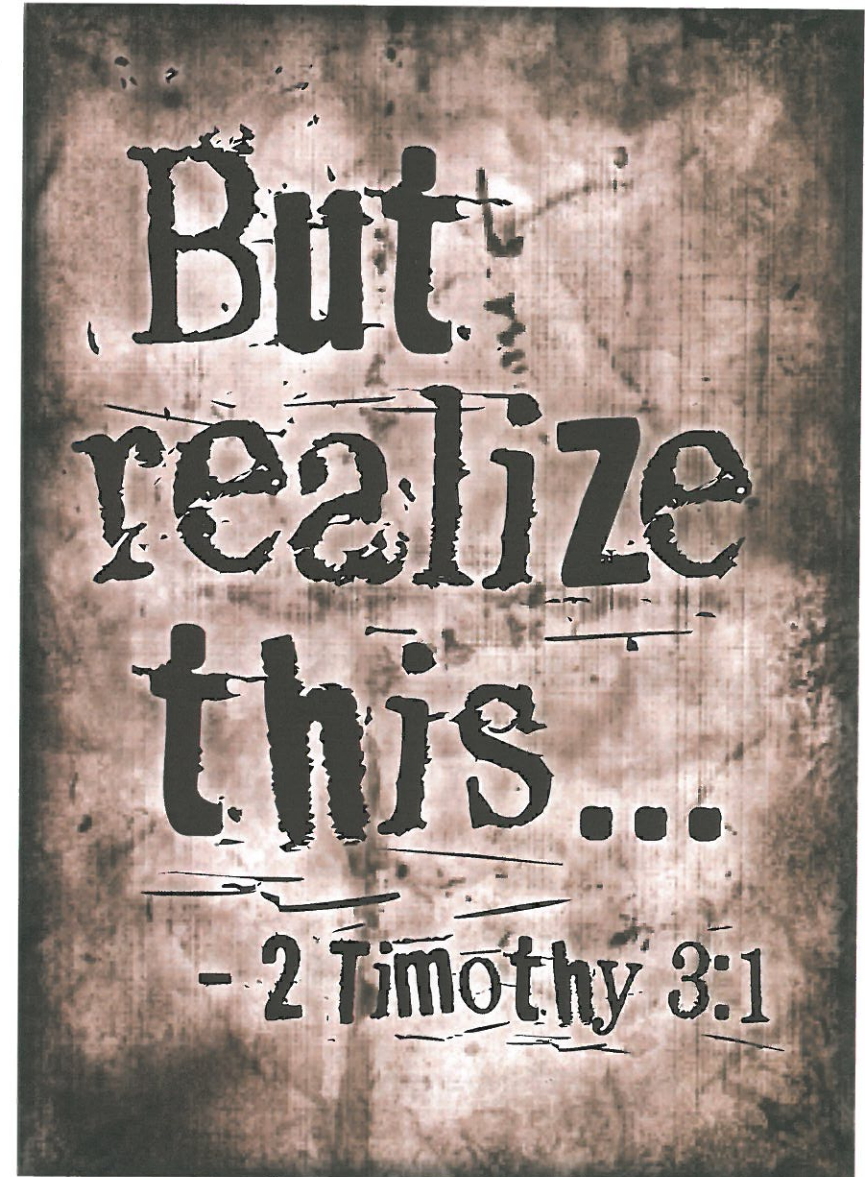
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OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

- We believe the **Bible** is the inspired, inerrant, infallible word and revelation of God. It is the authoritative standard for every age and life.
- We believe there is one **God**, eternally existing in three persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - each of whom are equal in attributes of deity.
- We believe that **Jesus Christ** in the flesh was both God and man; His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His death on the cross as a penalty for our sins, and His bodily resurrection from the dead on the third day; His ascension to the right hand of God as our Mediator, Priest, and Advocate.
- We believe all **men** have sinned and fall short of the standard of God.
- We believe that in His death, the Lord Jesus Christ made a perfect **atonement** for sin, redeeming us from the curse of the law. Men are saved and justified on the simple ground of His shed blood.
- We believe that **salvation** is by grace, through faith alone. Our hope of eternal life with Jesus Christ is entirely based upon His work and efficacy on the cross and victory over death and sin, and not upon good works, baptism or church membership.
- We believe that a true believer is **eternally secure**, that he cannot lose his salvation, but that sin may interrupt the joy of his fellowship with God and bring loving discipline from his Heavenly Father.
- We believe that the **Holy Spirit** is a person, is God and possesses all the divine attributes. He indwells all believers, baptizes and seals them at the moment of their salvation, and fills them in response to confession of sin and yieldedness.
- We believe in the reality of **Satan**.
- We believe that **the church** is made up of those who have individually trusted Christ as their Savior and Lord and have bound themselves together to proclaim God's grace in their lives and to share that good news with others. As believers, we are admonished to regularly assemble together.
- We believe in the **blessed hope** of the believer - that we will be with Christ for all eternity - and eternal punishment for all those who do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010



GRACE CHURCH, SAN LUIS OBISPO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2010

Moving Toward Worship Together

We do not meet to worship (i.e. to experience worship); we aim to worship GOD...In this area, one must not confuse what is central with byproducts. If you seek peace, you will not find it; if you seek Christ, you will find peace. If you seek joy, you will not find it; if you seek Christ, you will find joy. If you seek experiences of worship, you will not find them; if you worship the living God, you will experience something of what is reflected in the Psalms.

- DA Carson

WELCOME

Come Thou Almighty King

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-8
Pastor Tim Theule

CHILD DEDICATION

Blessed Be Your Name

Beautiful

Hosanna

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

1st Service: Al Streder 2nd Service: Tim Arlen

OFFERING

LIFE @ GRACE

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Timothy 3:1-13

1st Service: Kari Mattina 2nd Service: Rachel Cementina

MESSAGE

Our Chapter in the Story of Redemption

Tim Fox, College Ministry Director

Amazing Grace

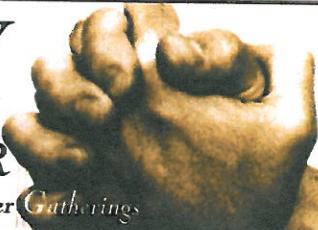
BENEDICTION

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

COMING UP @ GRACE



WINTER GROWTH GROUPS
ENROLLMENT IS HAPPENING NOW
SIGN UP IN THE COURTYARD, OR ONLINE: GRACESLO.ORG
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GROWTH GROUPS BEGIN THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16




PRAY
in the **NEW YEAR**
All-Church Prayer Gatherings
Sundays,
January 9 & 16
9 & 10:45 am
Founder's Hall



MEN'S HUDDLE
DINNER & POLY BASKETBALL
JANUARY 15 - 4:30PM

MEN OF GRACE
JOIN US FOR DINNER, SPEAKER & A CAL POLY BASKETBALL GAME
SATURDAY, JANUARY 15TH
\$15/person, \$10 (12 yrs & under)
SIGN UP TODAY- DEADLINE IS JAN. 9



childdedication
"Behold children are a gift of the Lord." - Ps. 127:3
Sunday, January 16

June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD	YTD	YTD
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under)
Giving:	\$631,865	\$629,121	(2,244)

Please visit the website to give funds electronically

Missionary of the Week: Dan & Nancy Pryor
Pastor on Call this week: Leon Maksoudian

Please visit our new website at graceslo.org, for more information.

Cry Room: at the back of Worship Center. Hearing impaired: FM receivers at sound booth.