

Today's Message

The Triune God: Providence

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1. God _____ for and _____ all things.
(Job 34:14-15, 37:6-13, Ps. 22:28, 104, Mt. 6:26, 10:29)
2. God is _____.
(Gen. 18:14, Ps. 115:3, Is. 40:28, Eph. 1:11, Eph. 3:20)
3. God is _____.
(Job 37:16, Ps. 90:4, 139, Is. 42:9, 46:9-10, Heb. 4:13, Mt. 10:30)
4. God is _____.
(Ps. 50:10-12, 115:3, Dan 4:35, Acts 17:24-25, Rom. 11:33-36)
5. God is _____.
(Ps. 33:11, 102:25-27, Is. 46:10-11, Mal. 3:6, Heb. 13:8, Jam. 1:17)
6. God is _____.
(Dan. 4:35, Job 12:23, Ps 103:19, 135:6, Prov. 16:33, Rom. 8:28)

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at <http://graceslo.org/declarationoffaith/>*

We believe in one Holy and loving God, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who know, love and glorify one another. God, by His Word, created all things out of nothing and continually sustains all things. He created all things for the praise of His glory and created humankind for a love relationship with Himself. God is all-powerful, all-knowing, self-sufficient, unchanging and sovereign in His reign and rule over all things.

There is a flow to our statement regarding the Triune God. Last week we discovered. . .

I. WHO God is INDEPENDENT OF His Creation

II. WHAT God is DOING THROUGH His Creation

Today, we consider. . .

III. HOW God is INVOLVED WITH His Creation

Growth Group Stuff

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CONNECTING and Caring for One Another (20 – 30 min)

Remember, the endgame is not to get through all the questions, but to connect over and process God's Word together. This requires sharing what we're thinking about, what we're busy with, what we're struggling through.

EXPLORING God's Word with One Another (20 – 30 min)

1. Our current series is called "Doctrine Matters." What is "doctrine"? Why is doctrine considered a bad word or a dry topic or something to be afraid of? When we chuck doctrine from the life of the church, what sort of things do we put into its place?
2. What are you learning? How are you being challenged in our "Doctrine Matters" series? Have you had an opportunity to read the new GraceSLO Declaration of Faith? What were your impressions?
3. Read Isaiah 46:3-13 and Psalm 104 together. What do these passages tell us about God and His involvement in the world? Be as specific as you can. Make a list if you must.
4. What is God's "providence"? Is that a word/concept that you're familiar with? Why has both the concept and the word itself fallen into disuse?

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5. Define and distinguish between deism, pantheism, determinism, fate, and open theism. How is the doctrine of providence different than all these?
6. How do these 6 truths about God each relate to His providential care and rule of the world?
7. Jonathan Edwards said the absolute sovereignty of God was a terror to him initially, but then it became sweet. Where are you at in regards to this Biblical truth? Are you having a hard time believing it? Are you troubled by it? Are you fighting it? Are you surrendered to it?
8. What does Romans 8:28 have to do with these Biblical truths concerning God's sovereign providence?

PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)

We want to encourage depth of personal sharing and caring in our Growth Groups, so our goal is to pray for each other, not for everyone else in our extended circles. So, really focus on sharing and praying for one another in light of this text/message, as well as for any other requests/needs the group has. Let's let God's Word lead us to the throne of grace.

Sunday, April 3, 2011

Moving Toward Worship Together

God's sovereignty is the attribute by which He rules His entire creation, and to be sovereign God must be all-knowing, all-powerful, and absolutely free. Were there even one datum of knowledge, however small, un-known to God, His rule would break down at that point. To be Lord over all the creation, He must possess all knowledge. And were God lacking one infinitesimal modicum of power, that lack would end His reign and undo His kingdom; that one stray atom of power would belong to someone else and God would be a limited ruler and hence not sovereign. Furthermore, His sovereignty requires that He be absolutely free, which means simply that He must be free to do whatever He wills to do anywhere at any time to carry out His eternal purpose in every single detail without interference. Were He less than free He must be less than sovereign. — A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge Of The Holy*

Welcome

Holy Is the Lord

Call to Worship

Psalm 103:13-22

1st Service: Rick Ernstrom 2nd Service: Leon Maksoudian

All Creatures of Our God and King

Jesus, Lord of Heaven

Center

Life Together

How Will They Hear?

Congregational Prayer

1st Service: Tim Fox 2nd Service: Tim Arlen

Offering / Life @ Grace

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 46:3-13

1st Service: Bill Ziegler 2nd Service: Lorraine Maksoudian

Message

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Doctrine Matters

Tim Theule

We Fall Down

Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

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

Coming Up @ Grace

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



GRACE GROWTH GROUPS

LIVING THE GOSPEL TOGETHER

Weekly Growth Groups ::
Care, Prayer, Service & Bible Study.
Make time in your schedule, and sign up
for a Spring Growth Group at graceslo.org.



women's one-day conference

The Gift of Friendship

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Saturday, April 9
8:30-3:00 pm

Speaker: Charisse Williams



How will they hear?
Romans 10:14

Missions Conference
April 10-17

Conference Schedule

Sunday, April 10
Tom Ferrell, Pastor of ABC will share about their involvement with *Empart*.

Monday, April 10 - Saturday, April 16
Grace Missionaries will join Growth Groups

Sunday, April 17
Jossy Chacko, Founder of *Empart* will share about what God is doing among unreached peoples in Northern India.
5:30 pm: Missions Dinner: RSVP on Tab

Pick up Jossy Chacko's *Madness!* book today in the Courtyard for only \$5

June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Over (Under)
Giving:	\$936,904	\$984,441	\$47,537

Please visit the website to give funds electronically

Sign Me Up:

Missions Dinner

Sunday, April 17 @ 5:30

Cost: \$5/person, \$25/max per family

Name: _____

Phone: _____ #: _____

Prayer Requests:

Name: _____

Please indicate if you would like to share your prayer with...

- Please email me church prayer requests (add email to other side)
- Ministry Staff & Leadership only
- All Church

Pastors on Call this week: **Brandon Hall**

Welcome:

If you are visiting with us at Grace, we welcome you as our guest. Please take a moment to fill out the visitor tab and put it in the offering bag. Thank you!

April 3, 2011 9:00 10:45

Name(s) _____

Children/DOB _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

New Resident in area Visiting area

New Address

Please include me in the church directory

How you heard about Grace: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes:

Single

College 18-24 25-36 37-50
 50-60 60+

Married

20s-30s 30s-40s 40s-50s
 50s-60s 60+

I want to find a place to serve!

Please send me information about...

children's ministry worship ministry
 student ministry women's ministry
 college ministry men's ministry
 growth groups

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 Declaration of Faith

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The Scripture

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God, the complete revelation of God's plan of salvation, and the divine and final authority for Christian practice and life.

The Triune God

We believe in one Holy and loving God, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who know, love and glorify one another.

Humankind

We believe God created humankind in His own image. Humankind, tempted by Satan, rebelled against God and sinned. As a result, all human beings are alienated from God and corrupted in every aspect of their being, and are lost, blind and dead in sin and in desperate need of the saving grace of God.

The Gospel

We believe Jesus Christ is the Gospel. The Good News of God's sovereign, saving grace is revealed in His incarnation, sinless life, substitutionary death, and victorious bodily resurrection. The Gospel is central to our understanding, interpretation and application of all the Scriptures.

Salvation

We believe salvation is an act of God and is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, for the glory of God alone. God, in His unfathomable grace, justifies sinners who repent of their sins and trust in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Church

We believe God, by His Word and Spirit, creates the Church as He calls sinful humans out of the whole human race into the fellowship of His family. A believer's membership in the universal Church, the global body of Christ, is to express itself through consistent worship with, service in, commitment and accountability to a local church.

The Return of Jesus Christ

We believe in the visible, personal, glorious return of Jesus Christ, which will bring about the consummation of all things. Those who trust the Gospel of Jesus Christ will enter into joyous, everlasting life with God. Those who do not trust the Gospel will experience everlasting, conscious punishment in hell. We believe in the new heavens and the new earth, where Jesus Christ will reign forever.

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**"THE LORD HAS
established
His throne
IN THE HEAVENS,
AND HIS
sovereignty
rules over all.**

PSALM 103:19



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