# Today's Message

# God the Father

Ephesians 1:3-14 Doctrine Matters May 1, 2011

III.	The Father is the	
	A. It is the Father's joy to His work with the and the	
	B. It is the Father's joy to His work with	
IV.	The Father is the	
	A. The Father is the giver of all  (Jam. 1:17, 1 Tim. 4:4-5)	
	B. The Father gives the for the our (Ephesians 1:7)	of
	C. The Father gives the for the of our (Ephesians 1:13-14)	

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God the Father is the Author of creation and redemption. His plans and purposes are sure and cannot be thwarted and He works all things together for good to those who love Him. In His incomprehensible grace, He gave His Son, Jesus Christ, for humankind's redemption.

I.	The Father is the		
	A. The Father gets	every time. (Eph. 1:3, 4:6)	
	B. The Son joyfully	to and to the Father	in
		. (Mt. 11:25-27, Jn 4:34, 5:19-47, 6:38, 7:28-29,	,
	8:16-19, 42)		
	C. The Father will get	ultimate in the	
	(1 Cor. 15:28, Phil. 2:	11)	
II.	The Father is the		
	A. The Architect of	(Acts 17:24-29, Eph. 1:4, 3:14)	
	B. The Architect of	(Eph. 1:4)	
	C. The Architect of a _	to work af	fter
	the counsel of	to the praise of	·
	(Eph. 1:10-12)		

# Growth Group Stuff

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# CONNECTING and Caring for One Another (20 - 30 min)

Remember, the goal 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. Read Ephesians 1:3-14 again together. Where do you see the Father, the Son and the Spirit in this text? Can you distinguish between their roles? How would you describe the Father's role?
- 2. Which person of the Trinity, do you tend to think about, talk about and relate to best and most?
- 3. How does the Father get "top billing" in this text? Look back at our Easter text, 1 Peter 1:3-9, and see how the Father gets top billing there.
- 4. When you think of God as Father, what do you think of? Is that a positive image or a negative image? Describe your father and how you think that affects your view of God as Father.

- 5. Ephesians 1 is mammoth! When we say that the Father is the Awesome Architect, what do we mean? How is that shown in Ephesians 1?
- 6. Look at Romans 8:32. What is this text saying? What does it have to do with the Fatherhood of God? What does it have to do with us?
- 7. If you're a Father, how can/should the doctrine of the Fatherhood of God shape your own fathering?

# 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.

# 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!

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□ student ministry	□ women's minist

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# 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!

San Luis Obispo

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# Our Declaration of Faith

The following is an abbreviated version of our full Grace SLO Declaration of Faith. We encourage you to review the full version at graceslo.org/About/WhatWeBelieve/

#### 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.

Sunday, May 1, 2011

# AND FATHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing IN THE HEAVENLY PLACES.

**EPHESIANS 1:3** 



Grace Church, San Luis Obispo

# Sunday, May 1, 2011

### **Moving Toward Worship Together**

Nothing we do as evangelicals makes sense if it is divorced from a strong experiential and doctrinal grasp of the coordinated work of Jesus and the Spirit, worked out against the horizon of the Father's love. Personal evangelism, conversational prayer, devotional Bible study, authoritative preaching, world missions, and assurance of salvation all presuppose that life in the gospel is life in communion with the Trinity. Forget the Trinity and you forget why we do what we do; you forget who we are as gospel Christians; you forget how we got to be like we are. -Fred Sanders, "The Deep Things of God"

## Welcome

Because of Your Love

# Call to Worship

Psalm 121

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Rick Ernstrom 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Kendall Mattina

God With Us

Your Name

Praise God

# Life @ Grace

Farewell to the Fuglers

# **Congregational Prayer**

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Tim Fox 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Tim Arlen

# Offering

# Scripture Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

1<sup>st</sup> Service: Jeff Langford 2<sup>nd</sup> Service: Colette Joyce

# Message

God the Father Doctrine Matters Tim Theule

This Is My Father's World

# Benediction

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

# Coming Up @ Grace

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



Adult Sunday Seminars May 1-June 12

more info: graceslo.org

- Operation Worldview (Missions)
  - Boundaries
- Doctrine of God
- Financial Peace University (6/5-9/11)





Our vision is for more than 400 of us to serve this year. We still need more project leaders!

Sign up today! If you signed up online, come to the Serve Day table ... we need your \$9 fee and t-shirt size.



Adoption and Foster Care Social & Picnic
If you have adopted, are doing foster care or
are interested in adoption & foster care please
join us Sunday, May 15 at 10:45 for a viewing
of "The Cry of the Orphan" DVD and then
lunch at Mitchell park. RSVP is needed for the
free lunch! Contact Dori or go to graceslo.org

\$	June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Over (Under)		
(ID)	Giving:	\$1,024,058	\$1,075,090	\$51,033		
	Please visit the website to give funds electronically					

Missionary of the Week: Jon & Noonie Fugler

Pastors on Call this week: Tim Fox

Prayer Requests:		
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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		