

Today's Message

God the Holy Spirit

John 3:1-8

Doctrine Matters

May 15, 2011

2. _____

God the Spirit _____ through the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit continually indwells, empowers, instructs, and guides believers for Godly living and service.

- A. Convicts
- B. Indwells & Empowers
- C. Instructs & Guides

Application:

3. _____

God the Spirit _____ to live out the Gospel.

The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the glorification of God, the building up of the local church, and the bearing of spiritual fruit.

- A. You have a _____-_____ of God's grace. (1 Cor. 12:7+)
- B. Those gifts for serving _____ and _____. (1 Pet. 4:10)

Application:

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Just as the Father ARCHITECTS the Gospel and the Son ACCOMPLISHES the Gospel, the Holy Spirit APPLIES the Gospel to our lives in 3 ways. . .

1. _____

God the Spirit gives spiritual life that _____ to the Gospel.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who convicts and gives spiritual life to sinners (regeneration) leading to belief in Jesus Christ.

- Regeneration = new birth, the giving of spiritual life by God the Spirit.
- Regeneration precedes faith.

5 texts that teach this truth:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

Application:

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 John 3 together. What is happening in this text? Who is Jesus talking to? When does this person come to Jesus?
2. What does Jesus say is necessary in verse 3? What is it necessary for? When Nicodemus asks how he can see this happen in verse 4, who does Jesus say actually effects this reality? Is this something that Nicodemus can make happen? Compare with John 1:12-13.
3. Explain this statement in your own words: *The Father architects the Gospel, the Son accomplishes the Gospel, the Holy Spirit applies the Gospel.*
4. What is regeneration? What is sanctification?

5. Read through the 5 texts shared in the message that focus on the work of the Spirit of God in regeneration. Does the Bible teach that regeneration comes before or after saving faith? Why does it matter? Why is this a hard truth for some people?
6. When you are confronted with this truth that even your faith is a gift of God enabled by the new birth of the Spirit, where does it leave you? Wrestling, humbled or giving thanks?
7. Read 1 Peter 4:8-11. What does this text teach us about the gifts of the Spirit?
8. Do you feel like you know what your spiritual gifting is? If so, how did you discover that? Do you feel like you are employing your gifts in serving others to the glory of God? How do you think GraceSLO would change if everyone found a place to use their grace gifts?
9. Read Ephesians 3:14-19. Notice the depth and breadth of this Trinitarian prayer. What is Paul asking of the Father here? What is he asking regarding the Spirit? Where does the Son come in here?

PRAYING for One Another (15-20 min)

Using Ephesians 3:14 as a starting point and model pray for one another's needs.

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!

May 15, 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

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 15, 2011

The wind blows
where it wishes
**AND YOU HEAR
THE SOUND OF IT ...**
so is everyone
who is born
of the Spirit.

- JOHN 3:8



Grace Church, San Luis Obispo

Sunday, May 15, 2011

Today is Nametag Sunday

Grace is a dynamic place! Because there are always so many visitors, once each month we have "Name Tag Sunday." It's a way for us to get to know and reach out to one another and especially to those we don't know. You'll find a name tag in your worship folder. We hope you'll take it out, fill it out and put it on. Let's greet one another by name this morning.

Welcome

Come, Thou Almighty King

Call to Worship

Psalm 143:5-11

1st Service: Ron Johnston 2nd Service: Ted Malley

Awesome Is the Lord Most High

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

Grace Like Rain

Take My Life and Let It Be

His Image Children's Choir

Congregational Prayer

1st Service: Ken Peet 2nd Service: Tim Arlen

Offering/Life @ Grace

Scripture Reading

John 3:1-8

1st Service: Grace Van Doren 2nd Service: Peter Rynning

Message

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Tim Theule

Communion

Fellowship Offering

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 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)




Adoption and Foster Care Social & Picnic
Today at 10:45, Founder's Hall
Come view "The Cry of the Orphan" DVD and then join us for lunch at Mitchell park.

ANNUAL MEETING
6:00 PM




high school
inner-city mission trip
june 20-25
training dates: may 15th, may 22nd & June 5th



Calling all Artists
Calling all artists who are interested in participating in our upcoming art exhibits. Go to our website for more info, or contact Christina at Grace: 543-2358.

	June '10 - May '11 Financial Report	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Over (Under)
Giving:		\$1,067,635	\$1,123,868	\$56,233

Please visit the website to give funds electronically

Missionary of the Week: Michael & Tammy Grainger

Pastor on Call this week: Brandon Hall

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