

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 ESV



BEREAN BIBLE CHURCH

Service of
Worship & Communion

Sunday, 1 March, 2020

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Sunday School 9:30am

Morning Worship - 10:40am | Evening Service - 6:00pm

Midweek Service (Wednesday) - 7:30pm | Friday Youth Group - 7:00pm

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ALL ARE WELCOME!



God is Gracious

To be gracious means 'to favour,' 'to show kindnesses' to an inferior, and 'to be compassionate.' In the Old Testament of the Bible, this adjective applies to God, indicative of His favour and mercy, His long-suffering and general inclination of favour and kindness.

In Isaiah 30:18 it says, "Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; he rises to show you compassion."

God is gracious because He is love. It is His character to love even if love is not returned to Him. He will give us good things because of His goodness. He extends favour, mercy, and kindness on whoever He pleases because it's who He is.

God is gracious because He is our Creator. Even when we don't acknowledge Him or worship Him, He still endows us with good things because He wants to. God created mankind as good and He won't turn His back on His creatures or creation.

"Grace is another attribute that is part of the manifold of God's love. By this we mean that God deals with his people not on the basis of their merit or worthiness, what they deserve, but simply according to their need; in other words, he deals with them on the basis of his goodness and generosity." - Erickson¹

How is God gracious?

Think of a parent. A father and mother will give good things to their children because they want to nurture their children. They provide shelter, food, and clothing because they know that it is necessary for the well-being of the children. They also give them gifts out of love for their children.

God does the same thing. He has provided everything for humanity in order for them to grow and prosper. He goes beyond just subsistence. He personalizes each and every gift. He does this even though we don't recognize or deserve it.

Ephesians 1:7 shows us about God's grace. "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus, on the cross we have received His grace.

When is God gracious?

God is gracious all the time, even when we are disobedient to Him. It is His character to be gracious and He "does not change like the shifting shadows" (James 1:17). He extends His mercy to us until the final moment of our lives. He wants none to perish because He created us to live in eternity with Him.

It is by God's grace that we can have eternal life. God had so much compassion on humanity that He sent His only Son to die for the disobedience of all mankind. God is gracious in our times of need, sending provision for us:

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

"Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God" (Romans 5:1-2)

We extend God's grace to those in need by extending our hands on His behalf. Helping our brothers and sisters in this world to find peace, comfort, and strength in times when desperation threatens to overwhelm them. This is the response that God desires us to have for each other.

As we seek God for who He is, we gain understanding and wisdom. He then begins to mould us into a likeness of His son, Jesus. Our character changes and we become more willing to show God's grace and kindness to the world.

Footnote:

¹ Erickson, Millard. *Christian Theology*, 320-321.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? - We have all sinned and deserve God's judgment. God, the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus, the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried, and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Saviour, declaring, "Jesus is Lord," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven.

Order of Service

March 1, 2020, 10:40 a.m.

THEME: "Behold Our God....GOD IS GRACIOUS**"** JOHN 1:14

Open My Eyes, Lord - Berean Choir

Invocation

Scripture Reading - Psalm 34: 10-22

Hymn 801 - How Great Thou Art

Hymn 51 - Blessed Assurance

Prayer

Announcements

Offertory - Theme Song - Behold Our God

Ministry of Music - Berean Choir

Hymn 26 - Come Thou Fount

Sermon - Rev. Paul Garnes

Hymn 441 - The Lord's My Shepherd

Distribution of Elements

Special Offering

Benediction - Berean Choir



ITEMS FOR PRAYER:

- Give God thanks for His grace and continual goodness
- Continue to pray for our sick members, friends and relatives.
- Pray for the ministry of Pastor Paul Garnes, as well as for his family
- Pray for the care of our elderly and shut-ins
- Pray for those who are in grief over the loss of relatives
- Pray for the friends of Berean - The Gilmores, Haecks, Hulls, Moores and Portios and Taylors
- Pray for our upcoming harvest and the Annual General Meeting
- For our unemployed members to find meaningful employment
- For the economic recovery of our country Barbados
- For a cure for the Coronavirus
- For the peace of Jerusalem

Berean
Fun Day!

SATURDAY APRIL 4, 2020, 12:30PM - 6 PM

March Birthdays



5th - Jenny Lynn Francis
- Zachary Haynes
7th - Carl Ward
- Faith Williams
8th - Tiffany Brathwaite
13th - Sylvester Branch

14th - Lucy Crichlow
16th - Cherise Brathwaite
18th - Roselyn Dixon
20th - Pearlita Franklin
- Delores Ward
24th - Rosalind Conliffe

25th - Eartha Skeete
27th - Joyce Belgrave
30th - Kim Bayley
- Cheryl Branch
31st - Ian Bovell
- Ricardo Parris

Anniversaries



8th - Marva & Victor Springer
17th - Patricia & Trevor Scott

22nd - Denis & Esther Graham
23rd - Hilton & Jenny Piggott