

God's Grace in Spiritual Gifts by John Piper
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As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)

When we use our spiritual gifts, we are stewarding grace — not yesterday's grace, but today's, arriving in every moment of need. And this future grace is "varied grace." It comes in many colors and shapes and sizes. This is one of the reasons spiritual gifts in the body are so diverse. The prism of God's gifts in your life will refract shades of divine glory that would never come through my prism.

There are as many future graces as there are needs in the body of Christ — and more. The purpose of spiritual gifts is to receive and dispense the future grace of God to those needs.

But someone may ask, "Why do you take Peter to refer to future grace? Doesn't a steward manage a household store that is already on hand?"

The main reason I take Peter to refer to future grace is because the next verse illustrates how this works, and the refer-

ence there is to ongoing supplies of future grace. He says, "Whoever serves, [let him serve] by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11). The word is "supplies," not "supplied." As you serve, serve in the power of the ongoing supply of God's grace to do what you need to do.

When you fulfill your spiritual gift to serve someone tomorrow, you will be serving "by the strength that God supplies" — and the supply will be tomorrow, not today. "As your days, so shall your strength be" (Deuteronomy 33:25).

God goes on, day-by-day, moment-by-moment, supplying the "strength" in which we minister. He does this because the on-going, inexhaustible supplier of power gets the glory. "Whoever serves, [let him serve] by the strength that God supplies — in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

Events

TODAY Testimonies & Baptism 7 PM

8/1 Small Groups 7:15 PM

8/2 7th-9th Bible Study 7 PM

8/4 Emmanuel Church

Anniversary Picnic 4-8 PM

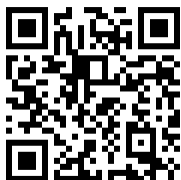
8/5 Emmanuel Church

Anniversary Service

10:30 AM

8/11 Senior Breakfast 9 AM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Gary Hendrix	Stephen Byrd
Charles Fortner	Robert Fisher
Stu Johnston	Bob Prentice
Andy Dunkerton	Michael Lopes

Service Times

- Sunday School 9:30 am
- Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 am
- Sunday Evening Worship 5:30 pm
- Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:15 pm

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Come to
ME...
& I will give you
REST

MATTHEW 11:28

Traducción simultanea
al español disponible en
servicios de AM y PM

Morning Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Andy Dunkerton

Opening Hymn

Awesome God

Our God is an awesome God! He reigns from Heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r and love. Our God is an awesome God!
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Our God Reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.

Our God reigns, our God reigns!

Chorus: Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

2. He had no stately form, He had no majesty,
that we should be drawn to Him.

He was despised and we took no account of Him,
yet now He reigns with the Most High. **Chorus**

3. Out from the tomb He came with grace and majesty,
He is alive, He is alive.

God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.

Yes, we know, He is alive. **Chorus**

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Scripture Reading

John 8:48-59, page 895

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory

#550 Jesus Priceless Treasure

Preparatory

O Great God

1. O great God of highest heaven, occupy my lowly heart.

Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel power.

Let no vice or sin remain that resists Your holy war.

You have loved and purchased me, make me Yours forevermore.

2. I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,

did not know Your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys.

Then Your Spirit gave me life, opened up Your Word to me
through the gospel of Your Son, gave me endless hope and peace.

(key change)

3. Help me now to live a life that's dependent on Your grace.

Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face.

You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed.

O great God of highest heaven, glorify Your Name through me.

(repeat)

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Sermon

Pastor Stu Johnston

Evening Worship

Call to Worship

Pastor Bob Prentice

Opening Hymn

You Are My King

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.

I'm accepted, You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?

Amazing love, I know it's true, and it's my joy to honor You,
in all I do to honor You.

I'm forgiven, because You were forsaken.

I'm accepted, You were condemned.

I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me
because You died and rose again.

(Chorus)

(Bridge) You are my King. You are my King.

Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King.

(Chorus 2x)

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Scripture Reading

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory/Preparatory

**#403 Not What My
Hands Have Done**

Sermon

Nick Gaines

Post Hymn

#580 It is Well