

We always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Thessalonians 1:11–12)

Grace is not only God's *disposition* to do good for us when we don't deserve it — we call this “undeserved favor”; God's grace is also a *power* from God that acts in our lives and makes good things happen in us and for us — which we also don't deserve.

Paul said that we fulfill our resolves for good “by his power” (verse 11). And then he adds at the end of verse 12, “according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” The power that actually works in our lives to make Christ-exalting obedience possible is an exertion of the grace of God.

You can see this also in 1 Corinthians 15:10:

By the grace of God I am what I am, and

his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

So, grace is an active, present, transformative, obedience-enabling power.

Therefore, this grace, which moves in power from God to you at a point in time, is both past and future. It has already done something for you or in you and therefore is past. And it is about to do something in you and for you, and so it is future — both five seconds from now and five million years from now.

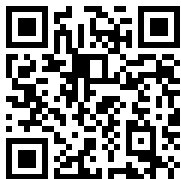
God's grace is ever cascading over the waterfall of the present from the inexhaustible river of grace coming to us from the future into the ever-increasing reservoir of grace in the past. In the next five minutes, you will receive sustaining grace flowing to you from the future — in this you trust; and you will accumulate another five minutes' worth of grace in the reservoir of the past — for this you give thanks.



Events

8/18 Small Groups
8/22 Constitution Forum
Q&A 7 PM

Give



Upcoming Events



Pastors

Stephen Byrd Stu Johnston
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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REJOICE!
in the Lord
always

Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn
(Chorus)

Pastor Michael Lopes
10,000 Reasons

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.**

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. **(Chorus)**

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find. **(Chorus)**

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
the end draws near, and my time has come;

still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
ten thousand years, and then forever more! **(Chorus 2x)**

I'll worship Your holy name, I'll worship Your holy name.

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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

1 Corinthians 3:1-23, page 953
Pastor Michael Lopes
His Robes for Mine

His robes for mine: O wonderful exchange!
Clothed in my sin, Christ suffered 'neath God's rage
Draped in His righteousness, I'm justified
In Christ I live, for in my place He died

His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
God's daunting law, Christ mastered in my stead
Faultless I stand, with righteous works not mine
Saved by my Lord's, vicarious death and life

**(Chorus) I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, and estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise—my all—shall be for Christ alone**

His robes for mine: God's justice is appeased
Jesus is crushed, and thus the Father's pleased
Christ drank God's wrath, on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"

Sin's wage is paid; propitiation won

(Chorus) (key change)

His robes for mine: such anguish none can know
Christ, God's beloved, condemned as though His foe
He, as though I, accursed and left alone
I, as though He, embraced and welcomed home!

**(Chorus) I cling to Christ, and marvel at the cost
Jesus forsaken, and estranged from God
Bought by such love, my life is not my own
My praise—my all—
My praise—my all—
shall be for Christ alone**

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Preparatory
Sermon
Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation
Post Sermon

#393 Come Ye Sinners
Pastor Randy Pizzino
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other, True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, My highest good and my unending need

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver, And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me, My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding, Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders, In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered

You broke my bonds of sin and shame

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer, May all my days bring glory to Your Name

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Evening Worship

Call to Worship
Opening Hymn

Jack Dix
See the Destined Day Arise

See the destined day arise! See a willing sacrifice!
Jesus to redeem our loss hangs upon the shameful cross
Jesus who but You could bear wrath so great and justice fair?
Every pang and bitter throe finishing your life of woe?

**(Chorus) Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Lamb of God for sinners slain!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Jesus Christ we praise your name!**

Who but Christ had dared to drain steeped in gall the cup of pain
And with tender body bear thorns and nails and piercing spear?
Slain for us the water flowed mingled from your side with blood
Sign to all attesting eyes of the finished sacrifice **(Chorus)**

Holy Jesus grant us grace in that sacrifice to place
All our trust for life renewed pardoned sin and promised good
Grant us grace to sing your praise 'round your throne through endless days
Ever with the sons of light: "Blessing, honor, glory, might!" **(2x Chorus)**

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Scripture Reading
Pastoral Prayer
Offertory

1 Timothy 3, page 992
Pastor Stephen Byrd
#426 Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose

Preparatory
Sermon
Post-lude after sermon for quiet meditation
Post Sermon

#548 More Love to Thee
Pastor Stu Johnston
Doxology