
Incarnational Christianity
“Living In Grace & Enjoying God”
Luke 12:32

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Introduction: We are in the midst of a series where we are focused on learning to live like Christ.

1. This should be simple ... natural ... easy.
2. It isn't. Because of Satan, sin & brokenness, living like Jesus is a challenge.
3. That's why this series is needed.
4. We started by defining what it means to be born again.
5. Then we explored what is true spirituality.
6. Today we will begin looking at specific elements that are essential to Christ likeness.
7. We start with grace.

I. God Is Gracious

A. A Picture Of God

- Our Shepherd
- Our Father

B. Understanding His Gifts

- Christ
- Salvation
- Everything

II. A Gracious Life

A. Living In Grace

- Versus Fear
- Versus Guilt

- Versus Obligation
- Without Restraint

B. Extending Grace

- Notice Them
- Include Them
- Serve Them

Conclusion: We have covered a lot of ground today.

1. Hopefully you have seen yourself in the scriptures.
2. We need to understand that living in grace & enjoying God is a work in progress.
3. There is a bit of both prodigals in us, but our Father is not deterred; He longs for us to live a life of abundance within His grace.
4. So, in the days ahead, practice living in His grace.
5. Here are some ideas:
 - Wake up & direct your first thoughts to His loving presence.
 - Pay attention to His gracious daily provisions, even the ordinary ones – a closet full of clothes, a hot shower, the ability to see, think, hear & feel.
 - Look for examples of His grace around you in scenes of natural beauty, the face of a friend, meaningful accomplishments, moments that make you laugh.
 - When you sit down for a meal, imagine God preparing this table just for you. Slow down; enjoy the gift of food in His presence.
 - Pursue a favorite activity. Try to consciously engage in it with your Father as your companion.
 - When you fail, bring it honestly to Him. Experience His open arms of forgiveness.