

Grace Guide



MARCH 31 – APRIL 6

MONDAY
3/31

ISAIAH 1:16-20

God calls his people to turn from their sins, to cleanse themselves by seeking justice and righteousness. But the cleansing is not something they can accomplish on their own – it is the Lord who makes their scarlet sins as white as snow. This passage reveals God’s grace, inviting sinners to repentance with the promise of full restoration. Jesus fulfills this promise through his sacrifice, offering mercy to all who turn to him. His grace is not earned but freely given, and through faith, we receive the cleansing that only he can provide.

1. How have you experienced God’s cleansing grace in your own life?
2. In what ways can you demonstrate God’s mercy to others in the same way that God has shown mercy to you?

TUESDAY
4/1

MATTHEW 9:9-12

When Jesus called Matthew, a tax collector despised by society, he demonstrated the depth of his mercy. He saw Matthew not as others did, but as someone worthy of grace. Jesus' response to the Pharisees reveals his mission – to heal the spiritually sick and extend mercy to those who know their need for Him. His grace is not reserved for those who appear righteous but is freely given to sinners who respond to His call. No one is beyond his reach, and his mercy transforms lives.

1. Have you ever felt unworthy of Jesus' grace? How does the way Jesus demonstrates mercy and grace in this passage challenge that feeling?
2. Are there people in your life whom you've struggled to see as worthy of God's grace? How can you change your perspective to align with Jesus' heart?

WEDNESDAY
4/2

ROMANS 5:1-11

Jesus' grace and mercy are most powerfully displayed in His death on the cross. Paul reminds us that we were not saved because we were good or deserving, but while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Through His blood, we are justified, reconciled to God, and given the hope of eternal life. This grace is entirely undeserved—yet freely given. Because of Jesus, we can rejoice even in suffering, knowing that God's love sustains us. His mercy gives us peace, hope, and a restored relationship with Him.

1. What does it mean to be justified by faith, and how does that impact your daily life?
2. In what ways can you live with gratitude and joy because of the mercy and hope you have in Christ?

THURSDAY

4/3

TITUS 3:3-8

Paul, writing to his friend and fellow servant in Christ, reminds us that before giving our lives to Christ, we were lost in sin, enslaved by selfish desires. But God, in his mercy, saved us – not because we deserved it, but because of his love. Through Jesus, we are washed, renewed, and made heirs of eternal life. This passage calls us to reflect on the transformation that God’s grace brings. God’s mercy doesn’t just rescue us from sin; it changes us, making us people eager to do good. Our salvation is entirely God’s work, and our response should be a life of gratitude and obedience.

1. What are some ways that we might rely on our own goodness for salvation? Why is our own goodness insufficient?
2. How have you experienced God’s renewing work in your life as you follow Jesus?

FRIDAY

4/4

PSALM 130

Psalm 130 is a heartfelt cry for mercy, recognizing that no one can stand before God based on their own righteousness. Yet the psalmist finds hope in the Lord’s forgiveness. God does not keep a list of our wrongs; instead, God offers grace to those who wait on him. This passage encourages us to trust in God’s unfailing love, knowing that God redeems his people completely. Because of his mercy, we can serve God with reverence and joy, rather than fear and guilt.

1. Why is it important that God keeps no record of sins? How have you found that truth liberating?
2. How do God’s grace and mercy motivate you to live your life differently?

SATURDAY/
SUNDAY
4/5-6

LUKE 7:36-50

Jesus is dining with a Pharisee when a sinful woman comes and pours out her love for him, washing his feet with her tears. While the Pharisee is critical, Jesus honors her faith and love, declaring her sins forgiven. Her response demonstrates that those who recognize the depth of their sin also recognize the greatness of God's mercy. True gratitude for Jesus' grace leads to a life of love and devotion. This story challenges us to consider whether we take God's mercy for granted or respond to it with deep, life-changing love.

1. What does Jesus mean that those who are forgiven little love little? What does that suggest about those who are forgiven much?
2. How do you express your devotion to Jesus?

Verse for the week:

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

(Romans 5:8)

SERMON NOTES
