

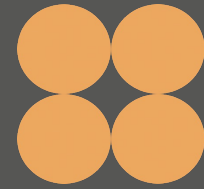


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**“Be strengthened by the grace
that is in Christ Jesus.”
2 Timothy 2:1**



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Gospel Grace Series ... Gospel Grace Transforms Us to God's Glory, the Good of Others, and Our Own Great Joy.

1. What Is Gospel Grace?
2. How Does Gospel Grace Change Us?
3. What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church? Part 1
4. What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church? Part 2
- 5. How Should Gospel Grace Be Expressed in Culture?**



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Gospel Grace #1 Recap

What is Gospel Grace?

1. **The Gospel is . . .** the good news about Jesus for us and the whole cosmos.
2. **Gospel Grace is . . .** God's unique ill-deserved favor towards us in Jesus.
3. **What we do with Gospel Grace is . . .**
Embrace it, Live out of it, Share it.



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Gospel Grace #2 Recap

How Does Gospel Grace Change Us?

1. **Saves Us** from our sin and God's wrath, for new life in Jesus, to God's glory.
2. **Sanctifies Us** positionally, progressively, and perfectly making us like Jesus.
3. **Sets Us Free** to live out our new identity in Jesus.



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Gospel Grace #3 & 4 Recap

What Should Gospel Grace Produce in the Church?
(Part 1)

People Who . . .

- a. **Love God ...** Shepherding our whole being towards deeply desiring God for who he is.
- b. **Love One Another...** sacrificially serving one another for our mutual sanctification and unity in community.



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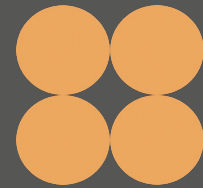
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c. Love Our Neighbors ... seeking the flourishing we desire for others—even enemies—who are in sufficient proximity to enable us to serve them.

Meeting the felt needs of others as compassionate ambassadors of Jesus in order to meet their ultimate need for Jesus.



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**How Should Gospel Grace Be
Expressed in Culture?**



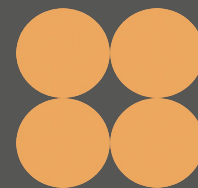
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**Gospel Grace Should Be Expressed
in Culture by and through
Christians as . . .**

- 1. Stewards, who cultivate creation**
- 2. Saints, who walk worthily**
- 3. Servants, who ferment flourishing**



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1. Stewards



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Stewards | Genesis 1:26–28, 31

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”



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Stewards | Genesis 1:26–28, 31

²⁷ So, God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. ²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

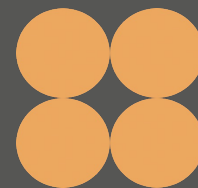


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Stewards | Genesis 1:26–28, 31

³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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1. Stewards



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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

¹⁴ The Lord God said to the serpent,
“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.



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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”



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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

¹⁶ To the woman he said,
“I will surely multiply your pain in
childbearing; in pain you shall bring
forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.”



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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,
“Because you have listened to the voice
of your wife and have eaten of the tree
of which I commanded you, ‘You shall
not eat of it,’
cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of
your life;



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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
for you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.”

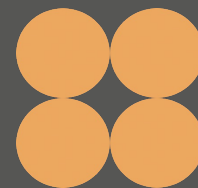


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Stewards | Genesis 3:14–20

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve,
because she was the mother of all living.

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1. Stewards



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Stewards | Genesis 12:1-4

¹ Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.



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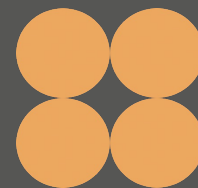
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³ I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

⁴ So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.



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1. Stewards



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Stewards | Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.



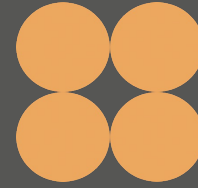
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Stewards | Matthew 5:13-16

¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



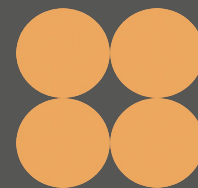
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**— creating culture as we steward our time,
talent, and treasure to care for the Creation
we work to cultivate towards flourishing.**

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2. Saints

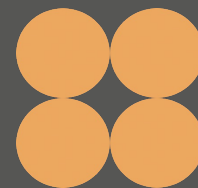


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Saints | Philippians 1:27a

²⁷ Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

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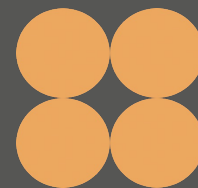


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Saints | Colossians 4:5–6

⁵ Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. ⁶ Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.

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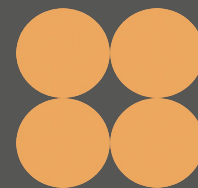


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Saints | 1 Peter 2:11–12

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

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2. Saints



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Saints | 1 Peter 3:8–16

⁸ Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing.



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Saints | 1 Peter 3:8–16

¹⁰ For

**“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;**

**¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.**



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Saints | 1 Peter 3:8–16

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.
But the face of the Lord is against those who
do evil.”

¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are
zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you
should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will



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Saints | 1 Peter 3:8–16

be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

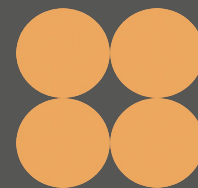


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¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

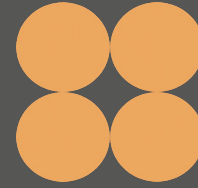
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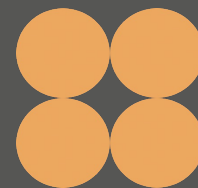
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**— creating and engaging culture as exiles
characterized by love, hope, and humility,
gracious speech, and honorable conduct.**

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3. Servants



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Servants | Jeremiah 29:1–7

¹ These are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders of the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. ² This was after King Jeconiah and the queen mother, the eunuchs, the officials of Judah and Jerusalem,



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Servants | Jeremiah 29:1–7

the craftsmen, and the metal workers had departed from Jerusalem. ³ The letter was sent by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon. It said:
⁴ “Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile



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from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵ Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. ⁶ Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease.

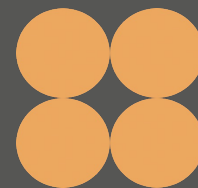


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⁷ But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

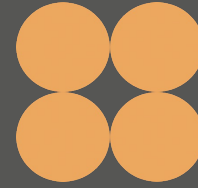
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**— through civic engagement in their
communities as heavenly citizens who
know this is not their home.**



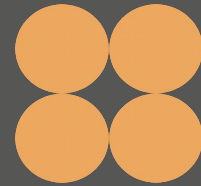
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Challenge

From newly minted widow, Erika Kirk:

Making Heaven crowded
— that's what it's all about.



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