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## ***Boundaries of God's Grace*** ***Dan Jenkins***

If we are saved by grace alone, then all men would be saved, for His saving grace for all mankind had appeared to all men by the time Paul wrote to Titus (Tit. 2:11). If grace immediately covers all sin, then there is no reality to sin, for it would be impossible for sin to separate us from God (Isa. 59:2). It is vital that we understand the boundaries of God's grace.

The previous paragraph shows that while His grace is infinite, it does have boundaries. The first time the word "grace" is found in the Bible is when God was about to bring judgment on a world filled with corruption. "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Gen. 6:8). His grace is truly "amazing grace," but it does have boundaries.

Grace originates in the heart of God and He is the one who sets its limit. Because He is sovereign, He could destroy hell and send no one there, but that is not His nature. We are the ones who have wronged Him by our rebellion, and we humbly ask Him, "How can I make it right again?" It is not our right! He is the one to answer that question. Micah speaks directly to this. "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the High God? ... Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ... He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:6-8).

Christendom has moved that boundary in two opposing directions. The idea fostered by wrongly defining predestination, which was adopted centuries ago by the Protestants who taught that atonement was specifically set so firmly that the number in heaven cannot be increased or decreased at all, denies the closing words of the Bible. "Whosoever will, let Him come." The same is true of those who have set the number at 144,000. When men move the boundaries in either direction, the result is religious division.

The boundaries of grace are clearly fixed and revealed in the Bible. We must never ignore the words of God about any matter by adding anything to these words or by removing anything from them (Rev. 22:18-19). There is no mortal who has ever lived who has been given this right. The words of God are so fixed that on the final day we all will be judged by the words He has given to us (John 12:48).

Think about how God set the boundaries for the tribes of Israel as they settled in the Promised Land. They were fixed by God and defined by Him. Think about these words from Solomon: "Do not remove the ancient landmarks set by your fathers" (Prov. 22:28). We cannot remove the ancient landmarks set by our Father.

# *Congregational News & Notes*

## **Prayer Requested**

### **Members**

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt  
Ron and Nadine McDonald,  
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris  
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,  
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,  
Doug Crouse, Carolyn Callis,  
Margie Montgomery,  
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson  
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,  
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,  
Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis  
Jerry Crabb, Karen Chance,  
Mary Lewis, Roberta Donaldson  
Gaylon & Betty Cooper

### **Friends & Family**

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,  
Beverly Martindale,  
Glenn & Trydy Lovell,  
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,  
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen  
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,  
Caraline Rogers  
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone

### **Today's Sermons**

AM - Healing the Land  
2 Chronicles 7:14  
  
PM - Kisses From a Prostitute  
Luke 7:37-38

## **Happenings**

### **South Jackson**

#### **Men's Business Meeting**

Today following AM services

#### **Ladies Holiday Party**

November 21  
Details on the Bulletin Board

#### **Cards to Send**

Ron & Nadine McDonald  
82 Will McKnight Drive  
Room 26  
Jackson, TN 38301

Paula Wadley  
400 Harts Bridge Road  
Jackson, TN 38301

#### **Weekly Record**

6 AM	4
Bible Class	50/12
AM Worship	81/42
PM Worship	48/46
Wed Bible Study	45/15
Contribution	4458
Budget	4014

# Those Privileged to Serve

## Nov 17 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, R. Pack

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

## Nov 24 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Clouse, R. Pack

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Jerry Butcher

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Charlie Richardson

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher

Communion: Mike Wages

## PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Greg Long

## Nov 20 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

## Nov 27 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Devo - Marion Thomas

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## Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM