

# GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

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Welcome to the Lord's day  
worship service at Grace Church.

We are truly blessed to be here  
this morning as we open God's  
Word together, sing His praises,  
and enjoy a time of fellowship in  
His presence.

Be sure to take advantage of the  
many fellowship and ministry  
opportunities available to  
our church family today and  
throughout the week.



**9:00 & 11:00\* am**

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives* · Hatton/Sturz · Stephen Sturz, Organist

**Hymn 213 *My Hope Is in the Lord*** · Congregation

*The Light of the World Is Jesus Medley* · Bliss-Gabriel/Maddux-Rice  
Strings & Woodwinds Ensemble

***Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed*** · Watts-Governor/Rice · Worship Choir

**Hymn 299 *Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow*** · Congregation

***Jesus Paid It All*** · Grape/Young · Elmer Serquina & Michael Bohr

MESSAGE: **CHRIST IS EVERYTHING, PART 2**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 1:15–23

## Communion

***Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*** · Prichard/William · Organ Postlude

**6:00 pm**

***10,000 Reasons*** · Redman · Instrumental Prelude

**Songs of Praise** · Congregation

## Baptism

MESSAGE: **THE COSMIC TRIUMPH OF CHRIST**

Phil Johnson • 1 Peter 3:18–22

## Postlude

## Instrumental Praise

### *The Light of the World Is Jesus*

The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin—  
The Light of the world is Jesus;  
Like sunshine at noon-day His glory shone in—  
The Light of the World is Jesus.

#### *Refrain*

Come to the Light, 'tis shining for thee!  
Sweetly the Light has dawned upon me;  
Once I was blind, but now I can see—  
The Light of the World is Jesus.

No darkness have we who in Jesus abide—  
The Light of the world is Jesus;  
We walk in the Light when we follow our Guide—  
The Light of the world is Jesus.

Ye dwellers in darkness with sin-blinded eyes—  
The Light of the world is Jesus;  
Go wash at His bidding and light will arise—  
The Light of the world is Jesus.

No need of the sunlight in heaven, we're told—  
The Light of the world is Jesus;  
The Lamb is the Light in the City of Gold—  
The Light of the world is Jesus.

*Words & music by Philip P. Bliss (1875)*

\* Interpreting in American Sign Language (ASL) is provided during the 11:00 am service.  
Arabic, Italian, Korean, and Russian livestream translations are available  
at [gracechurch.org/live](http://gracechurch.org/live).

## Campus Ministries

**THE WELCOME CENTER** hosts a reception for visitors following each Sunday-morning service. Enjoy refreshments and find helpful people with answers to any questions you have about our church. You'll also receive one of Pastor MacArthur's books as a thank you for being with us today.

**THE MEMBER CENTER** has information about membership and baptism. It is located on the east side of the Upper Room, north of the Welcome Center.

Today's Membership Class  
103 • 9:00 & 11:00 am • T375

**THE PRAYER ROOM** is staffed with counselors ready to offer pastoral care. It is open after every service and is adjacent to the Worship Center.

## Generations of Grace Children's Sunday School



- MESSAGE **God Will Judge the World**  
PASSAGE **Revelation 19:11-20:15**  
PRINCIPLE Christ will establish an earthly kingdom.  
FEATURED HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" (*Hymns of Grace* No. 120)  
ASK YOUR CHILD What will happen to those whose names are not found in the book of life?  
APPLY By believing in Christ and repenting of sin.  
THIS WEEK As a family, read Revelation 19:11-20:15.  
NEXT WEEK Revelation 21-22

*Adapted from the Generations of Grace Family Devotional, available at the bookstore.*

## GraceWalk

- Outreach

## On the Patio

- Expositores Conference
- Men of the Word
- Spanish Ministry (by the Chapel)

## Bookstore

The Bookstore is open after each service and during the week. It is located on the south side of the Worship Center.

### HIGHLIGHT

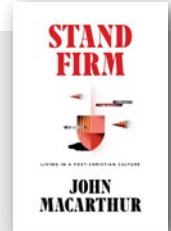
#### STAND FIRM LIVING IN A POST-CHRISTIAN CULTURE

by John MacArthur

Our calling to be set apart lands us in the crosshairs of a culture that opposes God's truth. Even as the world around us is changing, our battle remains the same.

In *Stand Firm*, Pastor John MacArthur drafts biblical battle plans for maintaining a life of Christian faithfulness.

**Available today for 30% off retail**



## Grace to You

**RADIO** [gty.org/radio](http://gty.org/radio)

### *Faith Through the Fire*

- KKLA 99.5 FM LOS ANGELES M-F 6:30 am & 7:30 pm
- KDAR 98.3 FM OXNARD-VENTURA M-F 2:00 & 10:00 am; Sun 2:00 am
- KABC 790 AM LOS ANGELES Sat 7:30 am

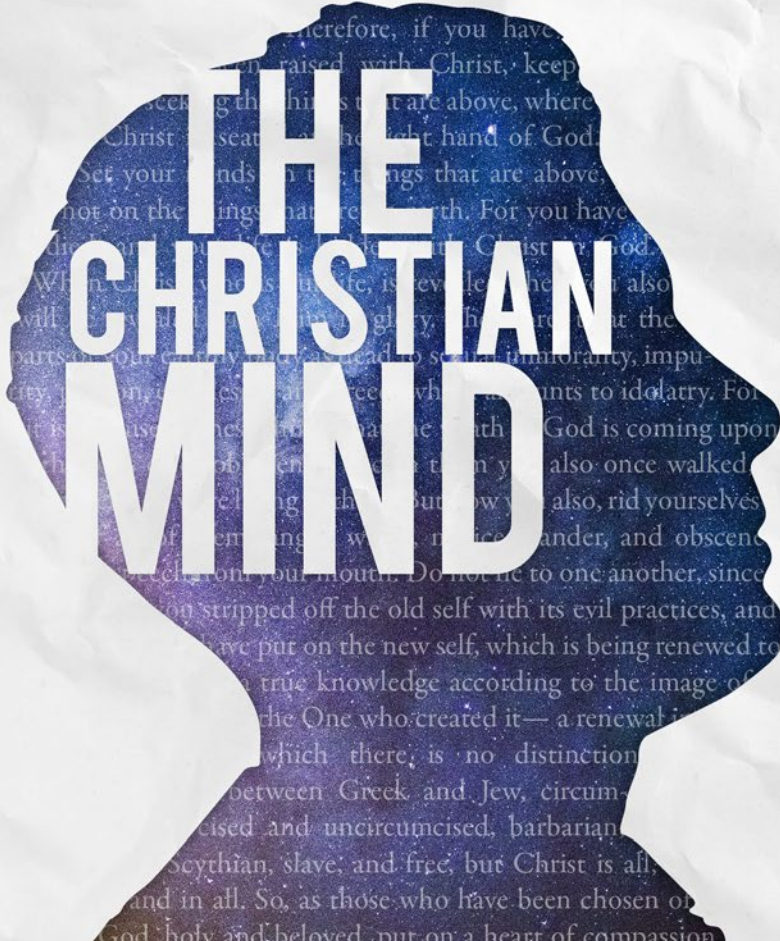
**TELEVISION** [gty.org/television](http://gty.org/television)

### *"A Perfect Portrait of Saving Faith, Part 1"*

- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

**ONLINE** [gty.org](http://gty.org)

- John MacArthur's sermons: audio, video, and transcripts
- Resource library: blog, devotionals, articles, Q&As, and more
- Mobile apps: "The Study Bible" and "Grace to You Sermons"



# THE CHRISTIAN MIND

**“Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**

**1 PETER 1:13**

The Bible is abundantly clear that the mind is central to life. How one thinks is of such importance that the Bible’s chief means of distinguishing between believers and unbelievers focuses on the state of the mind. The unregenerate man is he who acts according to futile thoughts, whose understanding is darkened, and who cannot comprehend the things of God (Romans 1:21; 1 Corinthians 2:14; 2 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 4:17). The Christian, by contrast, is he who has had the veil of darkness lifted, who has been taught by God, and who has learned Christ (2 Corinthians 2:16; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; Ephesians 4:20–21).

The significance of the mind is further emphasized by the way in which the Bible describes the Christian life. It is not a life of irresponsible ignorance, irrationality, or intellectual neutrality. It is not a life of ecstatic experiences or unrestricted emotions. It is a life of loving God with all one’s mind (Matthew 22:37). It is the conscious habit of putting to death worldly thinking and having one’s mind transformed by exposure to truth (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 10:5). In fact, the Christian life is a life of struggle—an ongoing battle over the right use of the mind (1 Peter 1:13).

Too many Christian men fail to appreciate these truths. It is not that they do not think. It is not even that they do not think about Christian things. It is that they do not think *biblically*. They rightly conclude that mindless Christianity offers no anchor for the soul, but they do not take the necessary steps to understand and apply what it means to use their minds in the specific way that God has intended.

Doing so makes all the difference. To think biblically establishes the sure footing needed for a successful defense against temptation. To think biblically generates confidence for faithful gospel proclamation. To think biblically is essential for effective leadership in the home. To think biblically provides the courage needed to resist the pressures of an increasingly anti-Christian culture.

Beginning September 8, Men of the Word will start a new series entitled, "The Christian Mind." This study is intended for men of all ages and will focus on the Bible's extensive teaching about the kind of thought-life God intends for men to exercise and enjoy. We invite you to join us for this timely look at God's Word on the mind.

For more information, visit the Men of the Word table on the patio today or on any of the next three Sundays.

**Wednesdays (beginning September 8)  
7:00-9:00 pm • Worship Center**  
**Instruction, fellowship, discipleship, and accountability**  
[gracechurch.org/motw](http://gracechurch.org/motw)

Therefore, treat the parts of your earthly body as dead to sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, and in them you also once walked, when you were living in them. But now you also, rid yourselves of all of them: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene speech from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you stripped off the old self with its evil practices, and have put on the new self, which is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created it— a renewal in which there is no distinction between Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, and free, but Christ is all, and in all. So as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also. In addition to all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in your hearts, and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness and grace in your hearts to the Lord. Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father. You are to be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, as the church loves herself, to present herself to him, purified by water with the word, that he might cleanse her by the word, that he might present himself to himself, glorious, without stain or wrinkle or anything of the kind, that he might present himself to himself in that manner. Children, obey your Lord, as Christ, who is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior, himself purifying the church by the word, that he might present himself to himself in that manner. Fathers, love your children, as the Lord loves the church, himself purifying it by the word, that he might present himself to himself in that manner. Slaves, obey your Lord, as Christ, who is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the savior, himself purifying the church by the word, that he might present himself to himself in that manner. Do your work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For the one who does wrong will receive the

# MEN OF THE WORD

## Grace Global Quarterly Missions Event

August 29 • Family Center • 1:00–3:00 pm

Topic: Lying, Closed Countries, and the Great Commission

Missionary Guests

Open to our church family. A light lunch will be available for \$5.

## Attend a Fellowship Group

Adult fellowship groups exist to glorify God by studying His Word, practically applying that truth to daily life, and providing God's people with opportunities for worship, ministry, and building relationships with each other.

Times and locations of fellowship groups are listed on the back page of *Grace Today*.

## Monday Morning Prayer Meeting

Mondays • 9:30 am • CC130W

For more information, call 818-909-5519.

## The Master's University Conference

God, Technology, and Man

Saturday, September 11 • The Master's University

Includes general and technical sessions. Register at [masters.edu/theotech](http://masters.edu/theotech).

## Grace Around the World

The **Videira** Family

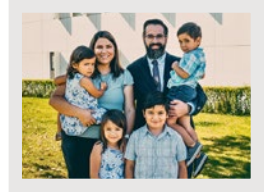
Ruben & Jenn, Oliver, Eden, Caleb, Zoe

Serving in **Spain** since **2014**

Prayer / Praise

- Praise God for the twenty-one Spanish and Portuguese students graduating from Berea Bible Seminary this year.
- Praise the Lord for blessing our new academic program for lay-people.

For more information, visit [gracechurch.org/videira](http://gracechurch.org/videira).



## Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$20,144**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

## Local Outreach Spotlight

Castaic Jail Ministry

Every Sunday, members from Grace Church go to the North County Correctional Facility in Castaic to proclaim the gospel. Inmates are supplied with paperback Bibles provided by the Gideons, and if they complete a Fundamentals of the Faith class, they receive a *MacArthur Study Bible*. For more information, call 818-909-5721, or visit [gracechurch.org/local](http://gracechurch.org/local).

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## Elders Meeting

Thursday, August 19 • 7:00 pm • CC230s

Open to our church family.

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## Safe Families Informational Zoom Meeting

Today • 4:00-5:00 pm • Online (via Zoom)

Safe Families is an organization that seeks to provide short-term foster-like care for children in crisis. While the primary caretakers of these children get the help they need, there is a great opportunity to show the love of Christ by providing temporary housing in a loving home, perhaps for a day or several weeks. If you are interested in learning more about Safe Families, plan on coming to this Zoom meeting hosted by Hands for Hope, with a speaker from Safe Families. Contact [handsforhope@gracechurch.org](mailto:handsforhope@gracechurch.org) for Zoom link and additional information.

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Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth.  
Serve the LORD with gladness;  
Come before Him with joyful singing.  
Know that the LORD Himself is God;  
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;  
*We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
Enter His gates with thanksgiving  
*And* His courts with praise.  
Give thanks to Him, bless His name.  
For the LORD is good;  
His lovingkindness is everlasting  
And His faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100

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## Job Opportunities

**Custodians.** Grace Church currently has part-time openings (20–29 hours/week) for custodians who will enjoy working in a team environment and serving the church in practical ways. Position requires ability to be detail oriented and thrive in a fast-paced environment. Job duties include setup and teardown of rooms for church events as well as various cleaning tasks. Applicants must be able to lift up to 30 pounds.

**Director of Audio Visual.** Grace Church has a full-time opening for an audio visual director. This position provides managerial leadership and technical expertise to the events and video production teams providing AV support for Grace Church and The Master's Seminary. The director interacts with various departments, pastors, professors, and church leaders to facilitate the technical support for many events and video recordings on campus. The primary goal is to ensure Sunday services are technically excellent, both on campus and around the world via livestream. This position is also responsible for maintaining and improving the campus's AV infrastructure and inventory. Applicants must have leadership experience. Bachelor's degree preferred.

**Web Developer/Programmer.** The Grace Church web team has a full-time opening for a web developer/programmer. Must be proficient in HTML/CSS, object-oriented programming (C#, Java, VB, or Ruby), server-side scripting (ASP, PHP), and relational databases (SQL). This position is responsible for supporting and troubleshooting new and existing websites, databases, and related applications and providing direct support for church staff. A degree in computer or information science (or equivalent experience) preferred. Experience with .NET a plus.

**Web and Graphic Designer.** The Grace Church Communications Department has a full-time opening for a web and graphic designer. Duties include creating, maintaining, and delivering graphics and layouts for use in the print and digital realms across multiple platforms, including web, mobile, social, and apps. The ideal candidate will have visual design skills, as well as a working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator, and InDesign, including experience with HTML, CSS, and UI/UX principles.

Applicants for employment at Grace Church must be, if employed, biblically qualified as a deacon or deaconess and be a member of Grace Church. For more information or to request an application, contact the office of Human Resources at [HR@gracechurch.org](mailto:HR@gracechurch.org) or 818-909-5672. For a complete list of job openings (including Grace to You, The Master's University and Seminary, and The Master's Academy International), visit [gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet](http://gracechurch.org/opportunitysheet).

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**9:00 am**

**Anchored** (All ages) T360s  
Pastors: Carl Hargrove,  
Bill Shannon

**Children's Ministry**

Visit the Welcome Center for  
room locations.  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Cornerstone** (All ages) T370s

Pastors: Nathan Busenitz,  
Hohn Cho, Mark Tatlock,  
Harry Walls

**Developmentally Disabled**

CC130s  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**GraceLife** (All ages)

Family Center  
Pastors: Phil Johnson,  
Mike Riccardi

**Jr. High** (Grades 7-8)

T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Spanish Adult Sunday School**

H221  
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Worship Service**

Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Josiah Grauman

**Steadfast** (All ages)

T260s  
Pastor: Brian Biedebach

**11:00 am**

**Children's Ministry**

Visit the Welcome Center for room  
locations.  
Pastor: Jay Lennington

**Commissioned** (All ages) T360s

Pastors: Rodney Andersen,  
Brad Klassen

**Crossroads**

(College & young adults)  
Family Center  
Pastor: Austin Duncan

**Developmentally Disabled**

CC130s  
Pastor: Rick McLean

**High School** (Grades 9-12)

T70s (Basement)  
Pastor: Josh Petras

**Joint Heirs** (All ages) T260s

Pastors: Tom Patton, John Street

**Sojourners** (All ages)

T370s  
Pastors: Abner Chou,  
Joe Zhakevich

**Spanish Adult Sunday School**

H221  
Pastor: Josiah Grauman

**Spanish Worship Service**

Chapel  
Pastors: Henry Tolopilo,  
Josiah Grauman

**1:00 pm**

**Neighborhood Outreach**

H223-224

**5:00 pm**

**Sunday Evening Prayer Meeting**

Upper Room

**6:00 pm**

**Adventure Club**

Family Center (Grades 4-6)  
Chapel (Grades 1-3)  
CC130s (Ages 3-5)

**MINISTRY DIRECTORY**

**Administration**

818-909-5500

**Children**

818-909-5631

**Grace Equip**

818-909-5674

**Membership**

818-909-5644

**Men**

818-909-5537

**Outreach**

818-909-5700

**Pastoral Care & Counseling**

818-909-5537

**Prayer**

818-909-5519

**Mondays 9:00 am**

**Monday Morning Prayer Group**

Welcome Center

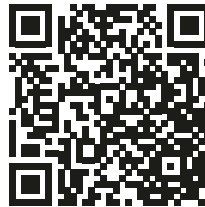
**Fridays 7:00 pm**

**Foundation** (Young professionals)

Family Center  
Pastor: Mark Zhakevich

**Building Abbreviation Key**

T = Tower H = Heritage  
CC = Children's Center



For more information about Sunday  
fellowships scan the QR code or visit  
[gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships](http://gracechurch.org/about/sunday-fellowships).

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