

GRACE TODAY

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PASTOR-TEACHER

Bill Brandenstein / Minister of Music

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

Fugue in G Minor · Bach · Stephen Sturz, Organist

Hymn 433 Now Thank We All Our God · Congregation

All Creatures of Our God and King · Trad./Rice · Orchestra & Organ

How Great Thou Art · Hine/Forrest · Worship Choir

Hymn 18 All People That on Earth Do Dwell · Congregation

Forevermore (Psalm 145) · Cotrell-Keveren · Michael Bohr

MESSAGE: **GOSPEL GRACE: FROM DEATH TO LIFE**

John MacArthur • Ephesians 2:1–10

Doxology Hymn

Postlude in G · Cappelen · Organ Postlude

6:00 pm

Instrumental Prelude

Songs of Praise · Congregation

MESSAGE: **SUFFERING OR SIN?**

Josh Petras • 1 Peter 4:1–6

Right Hand of Fellowship

Postlude

* 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.

Instrumental Praise

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part, O, sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on Him cast your care,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three In One,
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words by St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1225); music by Peter von Brachel (1623)
Arranged and orchestrated by Mark Rice*

Doxology Hymn

Hymn 89 Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we first begun.

Words by John Newton (1779); music from Virginia Harmony (1831)

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.

Next Membership Class • September 5
101 • 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 Creates a New Heaven and New Earth**
- PASSAGE **Revelation 21–22**
- PRINCIPLE Believers should be encouraged by and prepare for the coming of Christ.
- FEATURED HYMN “Jesus Shall Reign” (*Hymns of Grace* No. 120)
- ASK YOUR CHILD Why are Jesus' return and the new creation encouraging to believers?
- APPLY By living a godly life as we eagerly wait for Christ's return.
- THIS WEEK As a family, read Revelation 21–22.
- NEXT WEEK Promotion Sunday

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

GraceWalk

- Outreach

On the Patio

- Expositores Conference (by the Chapel)
- 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.

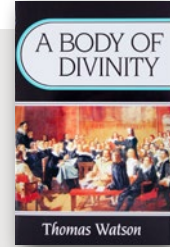
HIGHLIGHT

A BODY OF DIVINITY

by Thomas Watson

“When I was first introduced to the Puritans, I just fell in love with Thomas Watson's *A Body of Divinity*—I just could not put it down. It was beautifully written. It took me to a place I had never been.” —John MacArthur

Available today for 30% off retail.



Grace to You

RADIO gty.org/radio

- **Faith Through the Fire**
- **“Bible Questions and Answers, Part 35”**
 - 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

“A Perfect Portrait of Saving Faith, Part 2”

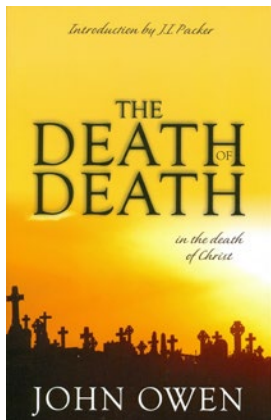
- NRBTV CHANNEL 378 ON DIRECTV Sunday 6:30 pm

ONLINE 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”

Redeeming Reads

As people of the Word, we understand the power of language. Jesus Christ is the living Word (John 1:1), and since the beginning of time, God's Word has defined and ordered His creation. In the same way, it is words that define and order our thoughts. This week, we've asked two of our elders to recommend some of their own favorite titles; if you're interested in reading that is both edifying and engaging, be sure to take advantage of these valuable resources.

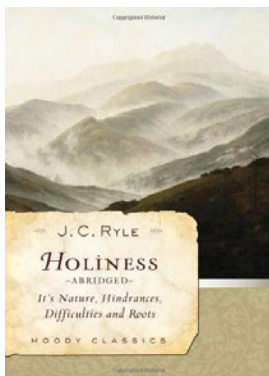


The Death of Death in the Death of Christ, by John Owen

There is no more worthy pursuit in the world than the knowledge of Christ and Him crucified. The Apostle Paul resolved to know nothing else (1 Corinthians 2:2), for to know Christ is the essence of eternal life (John 17:3). And Christ is most intimately known where He is most thoroughly revealed—namely, in His great work of atonement. He is our Great High Priest, the Mediator between God and man, who satisfies the wrath of God against our sins by bearing our punishment as our Substitute. If theology is the Queen of the Sciences (and it is), the atonement of Christ is the Queen's crown.

Scripture's doctrine of atonement is therefore worthy of our study and meditation. One of the greatest books ever to take up the subject is John Owen's classic, *The Death of Death in the Death of Christ*. A work of polemical theology, it defends the biblical teaching on Christ's cross-work against errors that are still common today. But it also is rich with devotional insight and praise to Christ. The patient reader will find his mind well-instructed and his heart stirred to worship the Savior for the great gift of salvation accomplished by the atonement.

—Mike Riccardi, GraceLife Fellowship Group



Holiness, by J.C. Ryle

What must we have in order to see the Lord Jesus? The author of Hebrews charges us to pursue “holiness without which no one will see the Lord” (Hebrews 12:14). Outside of the Bible, no book has shaped my thinking about practical holiness in my life more than *Holiness* by J.C. Ryle.

While Ryle wrote in the 1800s, his discourse on holiness could not be more necessary for the Christian today. Ryle lamented that “Politics, or controversy, or party spirit, or worldliness, have eaten out the heart of lively piety in too many of us. The subject of personal godliness has fallen sadly into the background.” Had I not known that this was written in the 1800s, I would have thought that this was a description of our times.

How then does one begin his or her pursuit of holiness? Ryle surprisingly but appropriately begins the book with a chapter on sin, explaining, “He that wishes to attain right views about Christian holiness must begin by examining the vast and solemn subject of sin.” To be holy, you must hate sin! Ryle’s work will both convict you of your sin and compel you to a holy life—without which no one will see the Lord.

—Joe Zhakevich, Sojourners Fellowship Group

If you’re looking for a redeeming read, our campus bookstore carries hundreds of edifying titles. Located south of the Worship Center, Grace Books is open after each Sunday service and on Monday through Friday during the week.

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.

WEEK OF
WELCOME
'21

This morning, we are honored to welcome The Master's University's largest ever incoming class, comprised of over 400 new students from all over the world.

THE MASTER'S UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE

theotech

2021 CONFERENCE | GOD, TECHNOLOGY AND MAN

Saturday, September 11 • The Master's University

Includes general and technical sessions. Register at masters.edu/theotech.

Grace Around the World

The **Mollica** Family

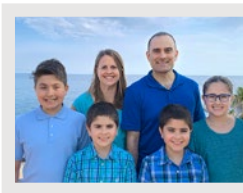
Massimo & Susanna, Alessandro, Eliana,
Gianluca, Giuliano

Serving in **Italy** since **2010**

Prayer / Praise

- Pray for increased evangelism opportunities in the coming months.
- Pray that relationships within our church family would deepen as we begin to meet together again.

For more information, visit gracechurch.org/mollica.



Faith Promise

Last week you generously gave **\$58,436**. Thank you for your ongoing support of our missionaries and their ministries around the world.

Local Outreach Spotlight

Basketball Outreach

Mondays - 8:30 pm - Family Center

Every Monday night, the Family Center is transformed into Grace Gym for an evening of basketball and evangelism. Many people from the neighborhood come to play basketball, and at halftime there is a faithful gospel presentation. We would love for our church family to join us in modeling how to compete in a Christlike manner, and in taking opportunities between games to personally engage our friends with the gospel.

Premarital/Marriage Seminar

A prerequisite for engaged couples desiring to get married at Grace Church, this seminar is also helpful for those who are purposefully dating, as well as married couples interested in God's plan for a successful marriage.

Part 1 Friday, September 24, 7:00-9:00 pm, T370 - Saturday, September 25, 9:00 am-noon, T360

Part 2 Friday, October 15, 7:00-9:00 pm, T370 - Saturday, October 16, 9:00 am-noon, T360

Instructors: Bill Shannon, George Sanders, Tom Leman

\$35 for church members or TMS/TMU students; \$65 for non-members

For more information or to register, visit gracechurch.org/premarital or call 818-909-5537.

Alzheimer's-Dementia Ministry

Saturday, August 28 - 9:00 am - CC130s

Families touched by dementia are invited to meet monthly for spiritual encouragement, helpful shepherding, and warm fellowship. Loved ones with dementia are welcome. If you are bringing your loved one, please call Pastor Rick McLean at 818-909-5519.

The Master's University

Orchestra & Choir Auditions August 23-30 - Ages 14+

Auditions are open to community members. For more information or to schedule an audition, email music@masters.edu.

Grand Canyon Trip October 14-17 - Early registration ends September 1

Students (K-12) and their families are invited to explore the Grand Canyon from a biblical worldview. For more information or to register, visit masters.edu/grandcanyon.

Parking at Valley Beth Israel

Due to a special event today at Valley Beth Israel, please be sure to move your car by 1:00 pm.

Job Opportunities

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.

Illustrator. Grace Church has a full-time opening for an Illustrator. Job requirements include proficiency in Photoshop, strong character and background illustration skills, as well as the ability to adapt to the curriculum style guide. This position further requires an ability to collaborate with a team to produce consistency, the ability to manage a busy workload, and meet strict deadlines.

Security Patrol. The Grace Church Security Department has 3 part-time openings, 20-29 hours per week, for Security to patrol campus buildings and grounds. The ideal candidate will be able to exercise confidentiality, good judgment and discernment; able to work in all weather conditions; able to stand, walk, climb stairs, bend and reach for extended periods of time; must be able to lift 30 pounds on a regular basis and up to 100 pounds with assistance on as needed basis; and must successfully pass a background investigation. Working some Sundays each month, and at least 1 overnight shift per week will be required.

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 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.

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

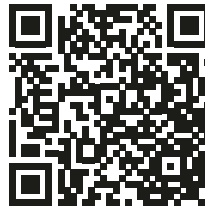
Fridays 7:00 pm

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.

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living and proclaiming
His truth in the world.*

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