

TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO
MAKE CHRIST KNOWN

FAITHFUL

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A STUDY IN 1 THESSALONIANS



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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30AM

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

VISITING GRACE?

It's great to have you here today, and we'd love to connect with you! Visit graceinracine.com or scan this QR code to let us know you visited, ask questions, submit prayer requests, or indicate an area of Grace Church that is of interest to you.



If you have something that is weighing you down today, please come down front after service and we will pray with you. You can also share your request on the connection card and our prayer team will lift your need up to the Lord.

TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

PRAISE

Welcome Matthew Lautz, Director of Worship Arts
Call To Worship [Psalm 69:30-34](#)
["Let Everything Praise The Lord"](#)
["Turn Your Eyes"](#)

RENEWAL

Prayer of Renewal [Psalm 51:10-12](#)
["Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"](#)

PROCLAMATION

Reading of the Word [1 Thessalonians 4:1-12](#)
Prayer of Illumination Amos Beernink
Preaching of the Word Pastor Chris Amundson
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RESPONSE

Communion
["Holy Holy Holy"](#)
["Build My Life"](#)
Benediction Matthew Lautz

CARE MINISTRY

PRAYER FOR HEALING & RECOVERY

Please pray for healing and recovery for those hospitalized or recently discharged: Cory Visser

Due to the size of our church, we're not always aware of every need. Please help us by sending life updates to care@graceinracine.com.

PRAYER REQUESTS

We want to uphold you in prayer during times of need:

- Fill out a connect card online or from the seatback in front of you.
 - Come down front after service Sunday morning and we will pray with you.
 - Email prayer@graceinracine.com.
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GRACE KIDS

NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Childcare is available during the entirety of the worship service for children aged birth – Kindergarten. Children ages 2 - Kindergarten will also have an age-appropriate Bible lesson each week.

WORSHIPERS IN TRAINING (WIT)

Children in 1st-4th grades are welcome to participate in "Worshippers in Training" which meets during the second half of our worship service (children are dismissed after the singing portion of worship). WIT follows along with the same passage of Scripture that is being taught by the pastor in the sanctuary but at a more age-appropriate level.

Parents – here are two questions to ask your child this week about their time in WIT! Remember – they will be receiving a question to ask you too!

1. Whose love models, motivates, and enables us to love others and live holy lives?
2. What is a practical way that you can love others this week?

ATTENDANCE & GIVING

LAST WEEK

Sanctuary Attendance: 424
Livestream Attendance: 32
Giving: \$14,458

2022 GIVING

Year to Date: \$659,998
+/- Budget: \$8,284

SERMON REVIEW DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are for *after* the sermon and can be used for Life Group discussion, one-to-one discipleship, or personal reflection and application.

In our passage this week, Paul begins to discuss the main content of his letter. Bookending the passage with the exhortations to walk and to please God (v. 1) and to walk properly before outsiders (v. 12), Paul implores the Thessalonians to do so more and more (v. 1, 10). And he gives them three pictures of how to do so: Abstain from sexual immorality (vv. 3-8), love one another (vv. 9-10a), live quietly, mind their own affairs, and work with their hands so as to be dependent on no one (vv. 10b-12). As we will find, these three pictures work together to make one larger picture that is informative for daily life. The Thessalonians lived out these pictures, but Paul urged them to do so more and more. Will we?

Discussion Questions

1. What words or descriptions come to mind when you think about love? When you think about holiness? How do you think love and holiness relate to one another?
2. Does it surprise you that the first main topic Paul addresses is sexual immorality? What might be his reasoning (see vv. 6-8)? Considering the warning in verse 6 not to “transgress and wrong” others in this matter, what might holiness (vv. 4, 7) have to do with brotherly love (v. 9)?
3. In verses 4-5, Paul tells us to control our bodies in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like those who don’t know God. Can we find parallels in our world today? What difference does it make that we know God? In what way is your life different from those who don’t know God?
4. Why do you think Paul concluded this section by urging us to do three things: “Aspire to live quietly,” “mind your own affairs,” and “work with your hands” (v. 11)? Consider the temptation we may have to point out other people’s failures or change things about the world that we can’t. How might we spend less time comparing ourselves to others, and more time striving to be more like Christ ourselves?
5. Consider the vertical (our relationship to God) and horizontal (our relationship to others) aspects of this passage. See verses 1 (“walk and to please God”) and 12 (“walk properly before outsiders”) in particular. If being holy looks like loving God and loving our neighbor (v. 9), how might we do so more and more (vv. 1, 10)? How might we pursue purity more and more?

SERMON NOTES

SUNDAY JUNE 5

[1 Thessalonians 4:1-12](#)

Pastor Chris Amundson

MORE & MORE

NEXT WEEK

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)



Children who are currently in Kindergarten - 5th are grade invited to celebrate the King of Kings at our 2022 VBS! For five days, we will explore the lives of various biblical kings as we compare them to the King of Kings and see how it is only King Jesus who is truly worthy of all our love, worship, and allegiance! It's a week of royal festival games, feasts (okay it's just snacks), crafts, music, and more!

Register at graceinracine.com/vbs, scan the QR code, or stop by the VBS table in the commons!



Volunteer with VBS!

We need 8 more small group leaders - stop by the table in the commons to sign up for one of these positions or Scan the QR code, visit graceinracine.com/vbs



Donate to VBS!

What do hula hoops, pool noodles, stickers, and craft supplies have in common? These are a few of the the remaining items we need for VBS! Stop by the table in the commons or head over to our Amazon wish list for a list of items needed for Vacation Bible School.

Most donations are due by June 12th.



GRACE HAPPENINGS

SENIOR BIBLE BRUNCH PICNIC

Thursday, June 9 // Noon

If you're age 55+ join in for the annual Senior Bible Brunch picnic! Contact Dave with any questions. dkehrli@graceinracine.com

BOARD GAME DAY!

Saturday, June 11 // 12pm - 6pm

Open House Style Board Game Day, come and go as you please and bring your friends! Open to all levels of board gamers. Bring your own games or play the ones that are provided.

GRIEFSHARE

Begins June 29 at:
 Racine Christian Reformed Church, 900 Illinois St., Wednesdays, 930am - 11:30am.



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Learn more: griefshare.org/groups/150845

THE WEEKLY

Get our weekly happenings in your email! *The Weekly* is a list of all the things happening at Grace for that upcoming week. Scan the QR code or head over to our website where you'll find a button to provide us with your email address.



NEEDS AT HARVEST FOOD PANTRY

Harvest Outreach Food Pantry has a list of specific, immediate needs, drop items off in bins by entry doors any Sunday or stop in during the week.

- Lg. jars of peanut butter
- Lg. bxs of dehydrated potatoes
- Lg. bxs of cereal (14 oz plus)
- Lg. jars of spaghetti sauce
- Dry pasta
- Pasta w/meat (Chef Boyardee)
- Saltine crackers
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Sauces
- Pancake mix & syrup
- Baking products
- Coffee
- Tea
- Cleaning products
- Floor cleaners
- Laundry detergent & softeners
- Dish soap
- Dishwasher soap
- Toilet paper
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss
- Shampoo/conditioner
- Deodorant
- Hygiene products (feminine products)