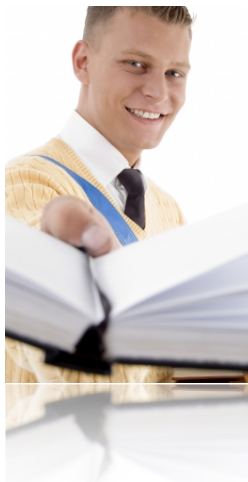


### Graced with a New Family

When we call each other brother and sister we are acknowledging our common Father and His grace in our new family. The labels are only real if they influence our behavior.



### Good Gracious Homework:

1. What is one lesson you learned?
2. What is one way to change the way you pray?
3. How does grace call you to change your perspective of family life? What differences will this make in daily living?
4. We are called to share grace in all of our relationships. Think about ways to give and receive grace in relationships with brothers and sisters in the church.

### Applying Grace

Mentally understanding God's Grace is not the challenge. Reordering our lives in accordance with God's grace requires a commitment to daily gracious living.



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing ... [and] teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.”

Matthew 28:19-20 NKJV

Christians committed to the grace-filled good life seek to fulfill Jesus' commission by caring for self, loving parents, practicing friendships, and disciplining children. All relationships exist in the commission. Jesus knew this would be a challenge, so He graciously added, “Lo, I am with you always.”

## Gracious Living

Accepting God's Grace in all Areas of Life

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Part 5: Grace Filled Relationships 1

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## Grace-Filled Relationships: Part 1

### New Family

New birth brings a new family.  
All seek to do the Father's will.  
Grace opens the door for 'whosoever will'.  
New success standards guide the Family.

### Graced Parenting

Start with being a graced adult and graced spouse.  
Center care for others in disciple making processes.  
Show grace to children like the Father does for you.  
Single parents can be graced also.

### Kingdom Agents

New birth brings new perspectives.  
All statuses have kingdom potential.  
Life revolves around the King.



## Think About It

Political parties fight to be seen as  
family focused. Graced disciples will  
never shift their focus off of their  
Lord. Being Christ centered is the  
grace-filled way to care for family  
without becoming family centered.  
Family centered living is idolatrous.

## Review

What lesson did you apply from last week?

How did grace change the way you prayed?

Have you identified possible  
ways to declutter your  
calendar and obligations to  
make space for following  
grace?

Transitions are wonderful  
grace opportunities. How  
can you see grace in your  
current or next transition?



### Graced Places

Gemologists grade diamonds  
on the three "C"s: cut, clarity,  
and color. A flaw in any or all  
of these areas will deduct  
from the perceived quality and  
market value of the stone.  
Children of God see flaws in  
life as the place where grace  
can be experienced daily.

Rather than rejecting  
"imperfections" in our  
current place, graced places  
provide ways to celebrate  
holding 'these treasures in  
earthen vessels' (2 Cor . 4:7).  
Living 'out of the box' is  
living out of grace. Are you  
beginning to celebrate your  
current place in life as the  
good and graced life?



Walk into God's Grace!

Walking in grace always reaches out to include others in  
your family. Consider ways to include others in your family  
and ways to be included in someone else's family. This is  
the wonderful way of grace! You are never alone.