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## GRACE STACKED ON GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9 08.22.21 Pastor Bob Johnson

FOR YOU ARE SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH, AND THIS IS NOT FROM YOURSELVES; IT IS GOD'S GIFT— NOT FROM WORKS, SO THAT NO ONE CAN BOAST.

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### *How should we live our lives as Christians? As a Church?*

#### God's Story of GRACE

- Everything is **from** God, **for** God, and **about** God.
- It's not about **me**, it's about GOD!
- It's God's story, not your story.
- Only those who have the **light** will see the **light**.

**WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST LOVED US.** [1 JOHN 4:19]

#### The Church: A Womb of GRACE

- Ideally, what should church be like?
- "I like you!"

**I DO NOT CALL YOU SERVANTS ANYMORE, BECAUSE A SERVANT DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HIS MASTER IS DOING. I HAVE CALLED YOU FRIENDS, BECAUSE I HAVE MADE KNOWN TO YOU EVERYTHING I HAVE HEARD FROM MY FATHER.** [JOHN 15:15]

#### The Priorities of GRACE

- Develop healthy, **holy habits** and execute them.
- Receive God's love and pass it on. Make God **famous** by letting others know how they are loved by God!
- You are blessed to be a blessing. The priority of living is **giving**.
- The qualities of **finishing well**.

**FOR WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP, CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS FOR GOOD WORKS, WHICH GOD PREPARED AHEAD OF TIME FOR US TO DO.** [EPHESIANS 2:10]

#### Extending GRACE

- We **remember** His Death.
- We **proclaim** His resurrection!
- We **await** His coming in glory.
- Life is short. **Eternity** is longer.

**AND THE TIME FOR MY DEPARTURE IS CLOSE. I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED THE RACE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH. THERE IS RESERVED FOR ME THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, WILL GIVE ME ON THAT DAY...** [2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8]

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