**The Purpose of Grace**

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**The Way Church**

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Message Title: The Purpose of Grace

Message Truth: We receive grace to bring about obedience of faith, for the sake of His name, to be a witness among the nations.

Scripture: Romans 1:1-5, Ezekiel 36:22-27,

1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 12:13, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 3:8-9

**1 Corinthians 3:16**Do you not know that you are the temple of God and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?

**1 Corinthians 12:13** For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

**Ephesians 1:13** In Him you also *trusted,* after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

**John 20:19-22**Then, the same day at evening, being the first *day* of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled,for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace *be* with you.” **20**When He had said this, He showed them *His* hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. **21**So Jesus said to them again, “Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.” **22**And when He had said this, He breathed on *them,* and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2:1-4** When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accordin one place. **2**And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. **3**Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. **4**And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

We receive grace for the following reasons:

1. To bring about obedience of faith.
2. **Romans 1:1-5** Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated to the gospel of God **2**which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, **3**concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, **4***and* declared *to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. **5**Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

**B. Ezekiel 36:26-27**I will give you a new heart and put a

 new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of

 your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27**I will put My

 Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes,

 and you will keep My judgments and do *them.*

1. For the sake of His name.
2. **Romans 1:5** Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,
3. **Ezekiel 36:22-27**“Therefore say to the house of Israel,

‘Thus says the Lord God: “I do not do *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. **23**And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I *am* the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes.

1. **Psalm 23:3** He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.
2. To be a witness among the nations.
3. **Romans 1:5** Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,
4. **Ephesians 3:8-9** To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, **9** and to make all see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ;