Jesus Gets Us: Got Grace?
John 1:10-18
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John 1:10-18: He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. [11] He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. [12] Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- [13] children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. [15] (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, "This is the one I spoke about when I said, 'He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'") [16] Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. [17] For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. [18] No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. (NIV)

Our Vision: Connect with Christ, Church and Community

1. _____ our need for grace

_____ God: The serpent said to the woman: "You won't die! That's foolish! God knows that the day you taste this, your eyes will finally be opened! You will become gods, able to run with the big dogs and determine your own life! Genesis 3:4-5 (JOT)

_____ of death: God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 5:20-21 (NLT)

2. _____ the power of grace through Jesus

_____ not _____: The world did note recognize him…his own did not accept him but for everyone who would accept him, and believe in him, he gave them the authority to become God's child. John 1:10-12 (JOT)

_____ not _____: And Christ became a human being and lived here on earth among us and was full of loving forgiveness and truth. And some of us have seen his glory—the glory of the only Son of the heavenly Father! John 1:14 (TLB)

_____ not _____: Out of this bounty of grace and truth that came through Jesus, we have all received grace on top of more grace! The law was given through Moses but this spectacular grace and truth came through Jesus! John 1:16-17 (JOT)

3. _____ that Jesus gets us

_____ his help: This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:15-16 (NLT)

Spiritual Action Step:

How will you experience the power new life and hope in Jesus? Do you sense the power of grace or are overwhelmed with the chains of regret and sorrow? Jesus said: *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.* (John 8:36 (NIV) Your journey to freedom begins by realizing that you are a slave to sin and you need God's help. Believe that Jesus is able to break the chains of guilt and shame. He will give beauty for ashes and joy rather than despair! Ask for God's help and you will receive it because God loves you and wants to share life with you! This week read Genesis 3 and John 1 to allow the Holy Spirit to fill you will the grace of God leading you to eternal life.

Translations: NIV: New International Version; JOT: Jon's Own Translation; NLT: New Living Translation; TLB: The Living Bible.