

Call of Grace Ministries

Come unto Me. . . I will give you rest

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“But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). . .”

Ephesians 2:4–5 (NKJV)

The great good news of the Gospel? That God would love us in spite of ourselves and send His Son that we might have the *opportunity* to be restored to the Father through the Son. And for those who receive Jesus as Lord new avenues for life open. For salvation in Christ is not the goal, it is just the beginning! God’s grace toward you extends far beyond your conversion.

A definition for grace that makes me consider this truth is:

“Grace is God working in your life daily for change.” (Prof. Dennis Vines)

This understanding of grace forces me to consider my future walk with the Lord in light of the truth that God will be continually working to change me for His Glory, which is corroborated by Phil 1:6. What does God use to do this? Everything! From His Word to our Brothers and Sisters and the circumstances/trials of life in a fallen world, the Lord is faithful to use these things for the molding and shaping of the clay that is you, that you might fulfill His Purpose.

His Purpose? That you would live the life our Lord Jesus made possible through His death, burial, and resurrection! A life of *peace*, filled with *joy*, lived in *unity* with both your Lord and your Brothers and Sisters (John 17:23), for you can’t truly have one without the other. A life lived for the Glory of the Lord that displays His wisdom to the “powers of the air” (Eph 3:10-11). And a life that shines brightly as “stars in the universe” (Phil 2:15-16) as you both hold fast to *and* hold out the Word of life to a dark world that desperately seeks yet never finds unless someone shares the truth of the Gospel with them (Rom 10:14).

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses. . .” (Acts 1:8)

Our prayer for both you and ourselves is that we will embrace the life Jesus went to the cross to provide for His children: glorifying Christ to the glory of the Father!

It’s been a busy time since our last letter. I won’t try to catch you up except for the following thanks:

- Thank you to our Brothers and Sisters in Kansas for your graciousness as we joined you in your mission. Each year, we are refreshed and encouraged by our fellowship together in the Lord as we serve Him in sharing the Gospel. As well, we are grateful to the Lord for your continued perseverance in the follow-up and assimilation of our new Brothers and Sisters. Lord willing, we will see all of you again next year.
- Thank you to all who have participated in our Ministry to a Ministry to aid Vieux Carre Baptist Church in their ongoing call to minister to and share the Gospel with the homeless in the French Quarter in New Orleans.

Your material and financial donations have provided clothing, hygiene supplies, basic first-aid items, blankets, etc. The expression of Christ's love through you is truly a blessing and gratefully received by both Vieux Carre and those they serve.

Black Friday will be our first day to ring the bell for the Salvation Army this Christmas season. As we ring the bell, we are able to pass out thousands of Gospel tracts each season. There have also been opportunities to pray for people and share the Gospel one-on-one. Over the years, this has been a facet of our ministry to which we look forward. Although the weather is typically cold, we consider it a blessing to reach out in our community and the surrounding area in this way.

Men. We are in preparation for the Mission to Mardi Gras, which will take place February 8th-13th, 2024. There are a couple of different options with regard to the time you will serve. If you believe you may be called to participate in this mission, contact me.

Have a Happy and Joyful Thanksgiving!

We pray your Thanksgiving is filled with remembrance of the past blessings of the Lord and anticipation of those blessings which are to come!

We request your prayers for the following:

- Please stand in the gap for your Brothers and Sisters that we, as His people, would act with faith on the promise in 2 Chron 7:14.
- Pray for our nation's leaders at every level.
- Pray for the peace of Israel.
- Pray for those you know who need to receive Christ.
- We ask that you pray for the ongoing ministry of Call of Grace

Is there something we can pray for you? If so please let us know.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We are truly grateful you are a part of this ministry to the Lord. If He calls you to go on mission with us, wherever we go, or to help support a mission or any part of our ministry, please let us know. As well, if you or your church believe we could be of service as you reach out to your community, please contact us.

Until Jesus comes,

Dennis & Cindy

~Cindy's Bottom Line~

What a joy it is to serve the Lord. He prepares the work, equips us and then guides us to complete it for His Glory!

"The Lord is righteous and loves good deeds; those who do them will live in His presence."

Psalm 11:7 (GNT)

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