

GOSPEL GRACE

CHURCH

THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING

A WILLING BABY IN THE MANGER - HEB. 10:1-14

DECEMBER 2, 2012 - 10:30am

Welcome to Gospel Grace Church! We are a new church here in the city that has been meeting for about 3 months now. We long to be goal is to become a church that glorifies God by making gospel-centered, grace-saturated disciples of Jesus Christ. So, throughout our service today, in our preaching, worship, and prayer, we hope you'll hear just that.

It's Christmas season, and now more than most other times we think about the truth that God has come to earth as a man. There are reminders of it everywhere these days. Music blares while we walk the paths of City Creek and the aisles of Walmart. Christ is the Lord! Jesus is here! God in flesh has now appeared! But, many times, we are tempted to live like He has not come. We are tempted to live in a system that ignores what He did when He came. Before Christ came, the tabernacle system of laws and sacrifices was setup as the way sinful man could approach a Holy God, and it was all meant to be a shadow pointing to the day Jesus would come and flesh it all out. As we celebrate this time of year, Jesus did come, and with that coming radically changed every aspect of how His people are to approach Him. He came and died on the cross as the once for all sacrifice for sin. No more sacrifices needed. His offering is enough to fix our standing with God. So, how do we respond to that? Our passage this morning will give us the answer. I wonder, do you respond rightly to God coming as a man? Or, do you live like His coming and sacrifice on the cross was not enough by adding the old way of offering God our good works to what God has already done? Jesus is here...and His offering is once for all.

NEXT SUNDAY'S THEME - 10:30AM @ FORT DOUGLAS POST CHAPEL

PROTECTING THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH - ROM 16:17-20

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SERMON DISCUSSION STARTERS

☀ **Do you live in the shadow of God coming as a man?** What areas of your life drift back into a tabernacle system of relationship with God? List 5-6 thoughts you have had over the last week that reveal that you try to make sacrifices in order to gain a better standing with God. Confess them in prayer and meditate on the times that Heb. 10:1-14 says Jesus' offering was enough.

☀ **According to our passage in Hebrews 10, what does it look like for you to live by the gospel?** If your position before God has been settled by the once for all offering of Jesus, what should be your practice? How does Hebrews 10 say that we live? Read and think about Jeremiah 31:33-34 remembering that our practice is based on God working out the promises He has made and written on our hearts... Write out your application in sentences like:

To live by the gospel means that God is _____,
therefore, I _____.

☀ **Why is it important to distinguish between our settled position in Christ and our daily practice with regard to God's forgiveness?**

☀ **How do you respond to Jesus as a baby?** What thoughts do you have when you think see a nativity scene? With a friend or someone in your community group, talk through 3 or 4 different ways that you can specifically worship the Baby in Whom "the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (Col. 2:9)

☀ **Meditate on and discuss the incarnation with someone.** Think through what it meant for God to take on a body. Besides the cross, what other trials did Jesus accept in the body prepared for Him? The chart below may help.

How is Jesus Like Us?	How is Jesus Unlike Us?	How does that affect me?

SETUP TEARDOWN TRAINING

If you are interested in getting involved in serving in setup or teardown of church in the box materials, please see Pastor Jonathan to sign up for the training videos.

Everyone who would like to help in this way needs to watch a few important logistical and safety videos that are available online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS THIS WEEK

This Wednesday, we will walk through a discussion of Walking in Love, Light, and Wisdom (Eph. 5:1-14). Extra copies of the discussion questions including meeting locations are available at the welcome desk. To get connected to one of these groups, please get in touch with one of the pastors.

GGC FAMILY MEETING

Anyone interested in more information about Gospel Grace Church is invited to our family meeting next Sunday night, December 9th at 5pm.

GOSPEL GRACE CHRISTMAS DATES

Sunday morning, December 23rd at 10am, the Gospel Grace Kids will present a nativity program for our church.

On Christmas Eve, at 5pm, we will meet at the Post Chapel for an evening service of carol singing, fellowship and prayer.

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