



Sermon Notes: True Grace

1. Recognize.

- a. What Satan is up to.
- b. What God is up to.

2. Receive.

- a. The exaltation that comes from God.
- b. The grace that comes from God.
- c. The strength that comes from God.
- d. The peace that comes from God.

3. Rest.

4. Resist.

5. Remain.



Gospel Applications: True Grace

1. What are some things you're anxious about and why? At what point do you think anxiety becomes a sin?
2. What do you tend to react to anxious thoughts? How do you try to cope with or resolve them?
3. Think about a worry you find nearly impossible to let go of. Why do you think you can't cast it away for good? What are you demonstrating faith in by going back to this thing over and over again?
4. Have you ever traced your anxieties out to their logical end? What's the worst-case scenario? How does the grace and peace of Christ speak to this, even if the worst-case scenario were to come true? How does this change the way you think about these concerns?
5. In typical, everyday life, how aware are you of Satan's tactics? What are some of the ways he's sought to devour you or someone you know?
6. Be practical: How can you resist the devil?
7. The Gospel is not that Jesus forgives you so you can begin a project of self-salvation; it is that Jesus forgives you and continues his work in you until he brings it to completion and perfection. Practically, how should this second statement shape your everyday life if you really believe it?
8. What are some practical habits that help wise people stand firm in the true grace of the Gospel rather than falling away?
9. If you were to write a brief letter to exhort and encourage the Jesus followers in our culture today, what attributes and truths about God do you think you'd most focus on? How would you begin and end your letter?
10. What's one specific thing you're going to do in response to this message?