

The Scandalous Grace of God

Matthew 20:1-16

Introduction: We all have experienced the beauty of grace at some point in our lives.

God's Grace is Available to All People (vs. 1-7)

- A. Grace was extended by the landowner each time he went out and offered work.
- B. Grace was extended to the 11th hour workers who had not been hired earlier in the day.
- C. When it comes to God's Grace, there is no status check (Tit. 2:11).

God's Grace is Not Offered because of Man's Work (vs. 20:8-9)

- A. The 11th hour workers did nothing to deserve a full day's wages.
- B. Their payment had nothing to do with how long they had worked or how good of a job they had done.
- C. The extent of God's grace has nothing to do with us, but everything to do with Him (Eph. 2:8).

God's Grace Should Never Offend Us (vs. 10-12)

- A. The early workers were shocked at the grace bestowed upon the late workers.
- B. The early workers were not offended by what they were paid; they were offended by the landowner's generosity and grace.
- C. When God's grace to others offends us, we no longer appreciate God's grace in our own lives.

God's Grace will Always Be More than We Deserve (vs. 13-16)

- A. The problem was those hired first were expecting to be paid what they thought they deserved.
- B. Even though the 12-hour workers agreed to work for a denarius, they still received more than they deserved.
- C. God does not extend grace based on what we deserve because we could never do enough to deserve the amount of grace God offers (Lk. 17:10).

Conclusion: With God, it's not about our works or being good enough. With God, it's always about grace.