

Justice or Grace?

Thought For The Day by Alan Smith

The story is told of two small county judges both got arrested for speeding on the same day. Rather than call the state Supreme Court for a visiting judge, each agreed to hear the other's case.

The first judge took the bench while the second stood at the defendant's table and admitted his guilt. The sentencing judge immediately suspended both the fine and costs.

They switched places. The second judge admitted that he was speeding, too. Thereupon, the first judge immediately fined him \$250 and ordered him to pay court costs.

The second judge was furious. "I suspended your fine and costs, but you threw the book at me!" he fumed.

The first judge looked at him and replied, "This is the second such case we've had in here today. Someone has to get tough about all this speeding!"

Here's a question for you -- which do you prefer, justice or grace? If we're being honest with ourselves, we prefer justice when someone else has done something wrong, and grace when we have done something wrong. Admit it! You see someone speeding or running a red light and you think to yourself, I wish a policeman would pull him over and give him a ticket! But, if you get pulled over for a traffic violation, you are praying for the policeman to show grace as he walks up to your car.

Jesus recognized this tendency of ours in the parable of the workers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16). A man hired some workers in the morning. Then he hired some more at noon, more at 3:00 p.m., and even more at 5:00 p.m. But when it came to the end of the day, all of the workers received a full day's pay.

"When those hired first came to get their pay, they assumed they would receive more. But they, too, were paid a day's wage. When they received their pay, they protested to the owner, 'Those people worked only one hour, and yet you've paid them just as much as you paid us who worked all day in the scorching heat.'" (Matthew 20:11-12).

It bothered them that the owner was being "unfair", because he treated others with grace. And that's what bothers us most -- grace isn't fair. We want to believe in karma ("if you do good, good things will happen to you; if you do bad, bad things will happen to you") because that's what's fair, that's what's right, that's what's just. But as U2 sings in their song, "Grace", "[Grace] travels outside of karma".

We can live with that as long as we are the one being shown grace. But as the owner said in Jesus' parable, "Should you be jealous because I am kind to others?" (Matthew 20:15).

Let me leave you with a challenge -- May we desire for grace to be shown to others as much as we want it to be shown to us!

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

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| Sunday AM Bible Class | 9:45 AM |
| Sunday AM Worship | 11:00 AM |
| * Sunday PM Worship | 6:00 PM |
| Wednesday PM Bible Class | 7:00 PM |

* *There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

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Ladie's Bible Class
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.



We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.

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2016 Theme


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Prayer List *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, and Brenda Nelson.

People in other places: Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Fritton, Tim Mellott and family, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner, James Proctor, Stephanie, Connie Stewart, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Eglá Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Lula Hall, Jack Openshaw, Sue Garner, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, and Karen Anstee.

Updates:

Sharron Gantt continues to heal well. She has a doctor appointment in Dec.
Leo Johns was released to go home and is doing well. Let’s keep him and Jeanne in our prayers.

Fran Fees was admitted Nov. 10 to Mercy Hospital of Buffalo for observation for a possible heart attack. She had a cardiac catheterization Nov. 14 and also inserted one additional stent. Tues. Nov. 15 she was released.

Brenda Nelson. Let’s pray for her as she deals with some health issues.

Tony Grana continues to recuperate. Let’s keep him and Eglá in our prayers.

Lula Hall, Bev McArthur’s mother, is in the hospital with multiple health issues.

Mary Lou, Anna Brink’s sister, had a CAT scan Nov. 4. On Nov. 11 she had a biopsy of her lymph nodes. The biopsy results showed that the lymph nodes are clear. A surgery date has not been set yet.

Wednesday Rahelich is scheduled to go to a Boston hospital Nov. 28.

Liz Holton, Noah Bennett’s best friend’s mom, is having surgery Nov 29 for thyroid cancer.

Bob, a co-worker of Louella Hopkins, was recently admitted to the hospital because of health issues.

Randy Marten. Keith & Glory are asking for prayers that their son Randy will not have such a hardened heart toward the Gospel.

Thank You from Candy Butcher

Candy got a lift chair on Wednesday. She appreciates everyone’s concern over this.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

- Nov. 24** Thanksgiving Day
- Dec. 04** **Potluck** (Groups 4, 5, & 6 to setup & cleanup)
- Dec. 17** Men’s Breakfast 8:30 AM
- Dec. 18** Men’s Business Meeting
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25** Christmas Day



Sermon Topic Today: *How To Live.... A Christlike Life*
Scripture Reading: *John 6:53-67*

Trays Today: *Diane Mellott*



House to House / Heart to Heart

Our second issue of *House to House/Heart to Heart* has arrived and is ready for us to prepare for mailing. We will be getting together on **Monday, November 28th at 10AM** here at the church building to address the brochures. Remember to pray for hearts to be open in the homes we are mailing to.

2017 LADIES DEVOTIONALS

There is a list on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium to sign-up to facilitate the monthly ladies devotionals on Friday nights. See Audrey if you have questions.



Please check the
“*Love One Another*” and “*Answered Prayers*”
boards in the back of the auditorium.

via BulletinGold

When it is good versus evil, or right versus wrong, neutrality is a sin.
Don't compare your goodness with other men's goodness, but with the goodness of the Man from Galilee.
There are no losers with Christ and no winners with the devil.



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