

**Christmas Grace**  
**Extravagant Grace – Part 3**  
Life Church St. Louis – December 22, 2019  
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*Isaiah 7:14 (ESV) Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*

*Matthew 1:21 (ESV) She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”*

**1. \_\_\_\_\_ grace**

*Luke 2:1 (ESV) In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered.*

**1A. In God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:4-5 (ESV) And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.*

**1B. In God’s \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:6-7 (ESV) And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.*

**2. Grace \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:10-11 (ESV) And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**2A. To the \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:8-9 (ESV) And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear.*

**2B. Spread \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:17-18 (ESV) And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them.*

*Luke 2:20 (ESV) And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

**3. Grace \_\_\_\_\_**

*Luke 2:22 (ESV) And when the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord*

**3A. \_\_\_\_\_ rewarded**

*Luke 2:25-26 (ESV) Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.*

**3B. \_\_\_\_\_ given**

*Luke 2:37-38 (ESV) and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.*

**Action Plan for This Week**

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer  
 Mon  Tue  Wed  Thu  Fri  Sat  Sun

Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.

How will I obey God’s Word this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Christmas Grace Study Guide

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Intro. In what ways has the true meaning of Christmas been lost in our society?

Intro. How does Jesus coming as Immanuel demonstrate God's grace (Isaiah 7:14)?

Intro. What does it mean that Jesus would save people from their sins (Matthew 1:21)?

1A. How did the Roman census assist in fulfilling God's plan for Christ's birth (Luke 2:1)?

1B. Why was it important for Mary and Joseph to be in Bethlehem when Jesus was born (Luke 2:4-5, Micah 5:2)?

1C. What was the significance of Jesus' humble birth (Luke 2:6-7, Philippians 2:6-7)?

1D. What do the difficult circumstances of Mary and Joseph's journey tell us about conditions that often surround God's purposes for our lives?

2A. How would you explain the significance of Christ's birth to someone based on the angel's announcement (Luke 2:10-11)?

2B. Why was Jesus' birth announced to the shepherds rather than to society's powerful and rich (Luke 2:8-9)?

2C. What life lessons can we learn from the response of the shepherds over what they had seen and heard (Luke 2:17-18, 20)?

2D. If you struggle in sharing God's grace with others, how could you grow in sharing joyfully?

3A. What do Mary and Joseph's obedience tell you about their faith (Luke 2:22-24)?

3B. Why is Simeon's faith and hope an important example for us today (Luke 2:25-26)?

3C. What can the prophetess Anna teach us about devotion and thanksgiving (Luke 2:37-38)?

3D. How can you experience more of God's grace in the difficult areas of your life?