**Devotion**

Pleasant View Baptist Church ● Scripture: Matthew 20: 1-6

**Grace**

 Today is November 21, 2016. I am currently sitting in my office reflecting on what God has done in my life. I am certainly a blessed man. The Lord has blessed me with a wonderful family, church family, and job. I have a roof over my head and there is always plenty to eat at my house. I have some of the best friends a man could want. I have so much to be thankful in my life. This season of thanksgiving I am so thankful for God’s Grace.

 Grace is certainly a gift to us sinners. I am so thankful that God had the love and mercy to give us Grace. Grace gives us a fresh start in the eyes of God. No matter how rough you may think your life is, Grace gives you a new start in the eyes of God. I was saved as a little boy. I’m sure I was involved in the typical mischief that children get into at a young age. However, I was a sinner. I was born into a sinful world. Once I accepted Salvation, I was looked at differently in the eyes of God. I was now a child of the King.

 Grace is unique in that it didn’t cost the receiver anything. I remember the night I was saved. I simply went to the alter and accepted Salvation. Grace didn’t cost me anything. All I had to do was request Grace. However, there was a price for Grace. Grace cost the giver everything. God loved us so much that He sent His only Son to Earth to take the penalty for our sins. I am so thankful for Jesus. I love Him so much.

 Grace is also getting what we don’t deserve. Many times in my life when individuals have done me wrong in life I have made the comment, “Well, they will get what they deserve?” Have you ever said that? Friends, I am so glad that Adam NeSmith doesn’t get what he deserves. As a sinner, I deserved hell. I am so thankful that God saw for a way for me to be in the right relationship with him. I am so thankful for his Grace.

*Thanks be to the Lord for His Grace!*

**===============================Prayer================================**

**Dear Heavenly Father,**

**Thank you for all my many blessings. Father, many times I fail to stop and reflect on my many blessings in life. I thank you for everything that I have. Father, I thank you so much for Grace. Thank you for sending a way to save a sinner such as I. I am so thankful for Jesus. It’s in the name of Jesus that I pray.**

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