**Never Ending Grace**Gospel of John Part Two: John 1:15-34

**John 20:31 NKJV**,

“But these are written that you may BELIEVE that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that BELIEVING you may have LIFE in His name.”

**John 1:1 NIV**,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**14**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of GRACE and truth.

Never Ending Grace, John 1:15-34 NIV.

**1 Corinthians 9:7 ERV,** I buffet my body…

**15**(John *(The Baptist)* testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”)

**Isaiah 40:3 NIV**,

A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**Luke 1:16 NIV,**

**16**He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. **17**And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

**Luke 1:76 NIV,**

“And you, my child, will be called a prophet of the Most High; for you will go on before the Lord to prepare the way for him.”

**Matthew 3:2 NIV**,

 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”

**16**Out of his FULLNESS we have all received GRACE IN PLACE OF GRACE already given.

What is grace? Unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor, love, and goodness of God.

**Why do we need grace?**

**Ephesians 1:7 NIV**,

**7**In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s GRACE **8**that he LAVISHED ON US. With all wisdom and understanding.

**John 1:12 NIV**,

Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.

**G**od’s **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist **E**xpense.

Our sins are great, but GOD’S GRACE IS GREATER.

**17**For the law was given through Moses; GRACE and TRUTH came through Jesus Christ.

We can’t see grace until we see our sinfulness.

but the problem for us is admitting we need a Savior.

**Religion tells us that righteousness can be attained through ourselves and our good works. But grace says we can’t earn it, we don’t deserve it, it’s a gift that is received by faith.**

**2 Corinthians 5:21**,

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him WE might BECOME the righteousness of God.”

There is more GRACE in God than there is sin in you!

**18**No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known. **19**Now this was John’s testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.

**20**He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, “I am not the Messiah.” **21**They asked him, “Then who are you? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the Prophet?” He answered, “No.”

**22**Finally they said, “Who are you? Give us an answer to take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” **23**John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”

**24**Now the Pharisees who had been sent **25**questioned him, “Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?”

**26**“I baptize withwater,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know. **27**He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie.”

**28**This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing. **29**The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who TAKES AWAY the sin of the world!

Jesus is the LAMB of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Atonement was the goal of the Levitical offerings. Let me explain atonement.

The Hebrew word for atonement, kippur, means "to repay a debt" and "to purify".

Instead of animals being sacrificed for our sins over and over again, now grace is being given for our sins over and over again.

“Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!”

**Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV**,

**8**For it is by GRACE you have been saved, through FAITH—and this is not from yourselves, it is the GIFT OF GOD— **9**not by works, so that no one can boast.

**30**This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ **31**I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.”

 **32**Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. **33**And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’

**34**I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.”

1. Baptism in Grace.
2. Baptism in Water.
3. Baptism in the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 2**,

1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.

3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Run to Jesus.

Get water baptized.

Ask Jesus to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.