



## I. INTRO/REVIEW

### A. Mirror, mirror

- You will always act like the person you believe yourself to be
- Our beliefs govern what we think, say and do

### B. Transformation

- God gave us a mirror to look at

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV) But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.**

- We are transformed into the image that we see in the mirror

### C. The battle between truth and grace

**John 1:14 (NKJV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father full of grace and truth.**

“Grace and glory differ very little, one is the seed the other is the flower. Grace is glory militant, glory is grace triumphant.” – Thomas Brooks (1608-1680)

- Transformation requires an understanding of Grace and Glory

## II. THE FULLNESS OF GRACE

### A. What is grace?

- God's riches at Christ's expense
- Greek: *charis*, means unmerited favor, kindness, or a gift freely given—not earned, not deserved

**Ephesians 1:6-8 (NIV) to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding,**

- The riches of Grace
- He lavished on US
- Put it together – riches, lavished on us

### B. Jesus, full of grace



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- “Full” is *plērēs* (πλήρης), an adjective meaning “full, filled, complete, or abounding. It implies abundance, saturation

C. We have received the fullness of His grace

**John 1:16 (NKJV) And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.**

### III. GRACE UPON GRACE

A. The fullness of Grace

- Extravagant in its cost
- Extravagant in abundance
- Extravagant in its reach
- Extravagant in its power
- Extravagantly excessive
- Extravagant in its intimacy

**Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

**Romans 5:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.**