



New Year:

DIFFERENT YEAR?

Where have we been

- ▶ Where have you been?
- ▶ What have you done well?
- ▶ Where do you need to improve?

IMPLICATIONS

A study in 1 Corinthians

1 Corinthians 13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

1 Corinthians 13

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

1 Corinthians 13

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For now we

1 Corinthians 13

see only a reflection as in a mirror;
then we shall see face to face. Now I
know in part; then I shall know fully,
even as I am fully known.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith,
hope and love. But the greatest of
these is love.

Growing in Grace

Matthew 5:1-10

What is Grace?

Grace is God's outlandish,
unexpected and undeserved
response to our sin.

Why is Grace so important?

Grace is not simply part of the gospel it is the very atmosphere in which those who are redeemed must dwell – it is to the spiritual life what oxygen is to biological life.

What does Grace accomplish?

Grace Justifies

Grace enables Sanctification

Grace equips for God

honoring service

LIVING ABOVE AVERAGE

A Study of the life of Daniel

DANIEL: A PATTERN OF FAITHFULNESS OVER 7 DECADES

- How to live a godly life in a secular culture
- Know where you must draw the line morally
- Know God well enough that you would rather trust him than cave to the pressure to conform

1 Timothy 1:1-2

Radically Ordinary

Where are you today?

- ▶ The power of living in the NOW
- ▶ What is the status of your most significant relationships?
- ▶ Where are you spiritually today?

Where are we headed in 2015

- ▶ Having definite goals helps us focus.
- ▶ Writing out our goals helps guard against drift.

Where are we headed in 2015

- ▶ We will be more transparent regarding the finances of the church
- ▶ We will share our newly drafted By-laws
- ▶ We will consistently stress the importance of prayer in our individual and corporate life.

Where are we headed in 2015

11 One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

² He said to them, “When you pray, say:

Where are we headed in 2015

“ ‘Father,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come.
³ Give us each day our daily bread.
⁴ Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who sins
against us.
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

So What?

- ▶ Where have you been in the past year?
- ▶ Where are you now?
- ▶ Where are you headed?