

Welcome to Worship



Love God. Love His Word. Love Dryden.

Prayer Notes:

March 1, 2026

In the FOYER:

- assistive hearing devices are available (ask an usher)
- opportunity to serve! sign-up sheet for volunteers for Fellowship Luncheons

On the Calendar:

- Mar 1 (today) – Communion, Benevolent Collection, Fellowship Luncheon
- Mar 3 (Tues) @ 7:30am Men's Early Morning Bible Study
- Mar 4 (Wed) @ 7:00pm Prayer Meeting & Devotional Time
- Mar 7 (Sat) @ 9:00am Men's Morning Prayer Time
- Mar 7 (Sat) @ 10:30am Sonshine Saturday – Farmyard Frenzy!
- Mar 8 (Sun) Day Light Savings Time
- Mar 11 (Wed) @ 7:00 – Annual Meeting of DFBC
- Mar 13 (Fri) Fired Up Fridays
- Mar 14 (Sat) Camp of the Woods March Break Camp Day
- Mar 27 (Fri) Fired Up Fridays
- Mar 28 (Sat) Bible Story Time at Dryden Public Library
- Apr 3 (Fri) @ 10:30am Good Friday Service

**March
BREAK
Day
CAMP**

March 14, 2026
10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
for ages 8 -11
Meals & snacks, chapel,
games & fun, indoors &
outdoors!
Cost: \$75

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Thunder Bay & Area

Right to Life

Membership forms in foyer or on-line

Farmyard Frenzy!

Sunshine Saturday

- Sat. @ 10:30 - noon
- games, snack, story & craft
- ages: JK - Gr 6

March 7 at Dryden First Baptist Church

Galatians:
*Freedom Through Faith
in Jesus Christ*

More on Paul's
story and his
calling.
Gal 1:18-24
Mar 8, 2026

Fellowship Luncheon - Today.

**Please join us even if
you didn't bring
something to share.**

**Remember
Me**

PRAY FOR THESE WORKS OF THE CHURCH.

Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am

Junior Church (4-9) and Toddler Program (2-3) occurs during the worship hour.

Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.

Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.

Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.

Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm

(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church

Facebook - Sonshine Saturday

YouTube - Christian Canuck

Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



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But God....The Amazing Grace That Changed a Persecutor: Galatians 1:15-17
Pastor Adam Hall • DFBC • Mar 1, 2026

Introduction

a) grace: treated better than we deserve

b) review of Galatians so far

- here is a review of our study of Galatians so far

- in Galatians 1, Paul has been defending His apostleship and the gospel

- in Galatians 1:1, Paul establishes that he was an apostle not by any human appointment but by God the Father and Jesus Christ

- in Galatians 1:6-10, Paul reveals why he wrote the letter of Galatians

- there were false teachers who were influencing these churches in the direction of salvation by works and away from the free grace of God through Jesus Christ
- these false teachers were preaching that salvation came through obedience to the Jewish law instead of Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection

- in Galatians 1:11-12, Paul highlights that the gospel that was preached to the Galatians, and received, is not man's gospel

- Paul received the gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ

- in Galatians 1:13-14, Paul speaks about his previous life in Judaism

- in Galatians 1:13, Paul persecuted the church of Jesus Christ
- in Galatians 1:14, Paul explains that he was zealous for the Jewish law
- in Galatians 1:15-17, Paul explains his conversion (the grace of God in His life) and his calling (to preach to the Gentiles)

1) (1:15-16a) Set Apart by Grace

(1:15) But when he who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by his grace,

- in Galatians 1:15-16a, Paul explains his conversion

- there are 4 important truths to learn about conversion in Galatians 1:15-16a

Four Important Truths about Conversion

a) man is sinful "but God" is gracious

- Paul was happy doing his thing going against the Lord

- BUT God intervened and changed the life of Paul, as Paul himself says, "BUT when he who set me apart...."

- the "BUT" in Galatians 1:15 is used to contrast the sinful life of Paul with the graciousness of God

- there are numerous passages in the Bible that speak about our sinful condition and path of destruction, and then we read, "BUT God"

- one notable passage in scripture with this contrast is Ephesians 2:1-10

Ephesians 2:1-4 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,

- in Ephesians 2:4, Paul says, "BUT God"

- humanity was on a path of destruction, praise the Lord "BUT God" intervenes and saves

b) God sets sinners apart from birth

- this means that before Paul was born, the Lord had chosen (set apart) Paul to belong to the Lord

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

- another example of God setting a person apart from birth is found in the life of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

- this is amazing grace, you did nothing to attain God's favor, but God set you apart before you could do anything; the Lord did this because He is gracious

c) God calls sinners by grace

- Paul has already said that the Galatians were called by grace in Galatians 1:6

Galatians 1:6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel--

- and now, Paul says that he was called by grace

- this means that God calls a sinner to Himself, saves a sinner and reconciles a sinner to Himself, not by anything anyone could ever do, we see this taught in Ephesians 1:

Ephesians 1:4-5 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,

-take note that if a person thinks that they are a Christian because of something that they did, then, they are no longer depending upon Jesus and His amazing grace

- only Jesus saves, just like the hymn says, "*nothing in my hands I bring, simply to your cross I cling*"

(1:16a) was pleased to reveal his Son to me,

d) God reveals Jesus to sinners

- Paul calls to mind again his own "come to Jesus moment"

Acts 9:4-5 ⁴ And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.

- Jesus' saving grace that results in salvation is the greatest miracles that we can experience

- Jesus by His grace opens the heart of a sinner to His mercy, and they can know Him

2) (1:16b) Set Apart to Preach

(1:16b) in order that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

- not only did the Lord intervene and call Paul by grace, but the Lord also gave Paul a specific mission

- the mission given by God to Paul was to preach Jesus Christ among the Gentiles

Acts 22:21 And he said to me, 'Go, for I will send you far away to the Gentiles.'

- however, this does not mean that Paul did not preach to the Jews; in Acts 9, Paul preaches the gospel

Acts 9:20 And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

- the calling of God for Paul was to preach and make Jesus known to all people and in all places

- what do we see Paul doing at the end of his life - still preaching the gospel in Rome to the Gentiles

Acts 28:31 proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

3) (1:17) Spent Time Alone

(1:17) nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

- we do not know why Paul went to Arabia and to Damascus

- one commentator said that Galatians 1:17 has a veil of darkness over it, meaning that he did not know why Paul spent this time in Arabia and Damascus

- most scholars believe that Paul spent this time away in Arabia, and Damascus, was to reflect and think about how the Old Testament points to Jesus Christ

Application

1) Christian, Reflect on God and His Grace

a) Genesis to Revelation we see that God is gracious

- the Lord is gracious, He speaks and creation comes about (Genesis 1-2)
- the Lord is gracious, Adam and Eve sin and the Lord provides clothing for them (Genesis 3:21)
- the Lord is gracious, He shows grace and mercy to Abel and receives his offering (Genesis 4)
- the Lord provides another child after the death of Abel for Adam and Eve – Seth (Genesis 4)
- the Lord shows grace to Noah, Noah finds grace in the eyes of the Lord (Genesis 6:8)

b) Jesus, full of grace, saves us from God's wrath

- hear Romans 5 and how you can be sure of the amazing grace of Jesus:

Romans 5:6-11 ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

c) the new covenant is a gracious and merciful gift from God

- Christian, never forget God's amazing grace

- hear about the promise of the new covenant given to Israel in the book of Jeremiah

Jeremiah 31:33-34 For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

2) Christian, Rest in God's Grace

a) don't forget grace, instead focus and reflect

b) lay your burdens down

- do you remember that the apostle Paul had a burden, and he continued to lay it before the Lord?

2 Corinthians 12:7-9 ⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

c) remember this truth: God's grace is always sufficient

d) be humble and depend on Jesus

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

3) Christian, Never Abuse God's Grace

a) count your blessings

b) don't abuse God grace and refuse to follow in obedience

- Paul deals with this issue in the letter of Romans

Romans 6:1-4 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.