

“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”
I Timothy 2:4

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
II Peter 3:9

IV. GOD’S GRACE IS AVAILABLE **NOW**

“So when the centurion and those with him, who were guarding Jesus, saw the earthquake and the things that had happened, they feared greatly, saying, “Truly this was the Son of God!”
Matthew 27:54

“9 For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; 10 and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.”
Colossians 2:9-10

“that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”
Romans 10:9

V. GOD USES PEOPLE TO SHARE HIS **GRACE**

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,”
Titus 2:11

“13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!”

Romans 10:13-15

**Commit To Receiving And Sharing God’s Grace
Like The Roman Soldier!!**

AT THE CROSS WITH PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE

At The Cross...The Roman Soldier

Life Lessons About Grace

Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

A. Many people followed Jesus in his life, but only a few followed him to his death. The At The Cross teaching series will introduce you to the positive Bible characters who were at the cross with Jesus. This experience will draw you closer to Jesus during the sacred Easter season.

“looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
Hebrews 12:2

B. In this series, you will have the rare opportunity to look at the cross through the eyes of those who were there and learn valuable life lessons from them.

Feb 18 **At The Cross...Mary Magdalene**
Life Lessons About Devotion

Feb 25 **At The Cross...John The Disciple**
Life Lessons About Courage

Mar 4 **At The Cross...Mary The Mother Of Jesus**
Life Lessons About Obedience

TODAY **At The Cross...The Roman Soldier**
Life Lessons About Grace

Mar 18 **At The Cross...The Criminal On The Cross**
Life Lessons About Salvation

Mar 25 **At The Cross...You And Me!**
Life Lessons About Suffering

C. TEXT: Matthew 27:50-54 (Pew Bible/Pg. 1178/New Test.)

LIFE LESSONS ABOUT GRACE FROM THE ROMAN SOLDIER

I. GOD'S GRACE IS UNMERITED FAVOR

“26 Then he released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him.

28 And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him.

29 When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!”

30 Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.

31 And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His own clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.

32 Now as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name. Him they compelled to bear His cross.

33 And when they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull,

34 they gave Him sour wine mingled with gall to drink. But when He had tasted it, He would not drink.

35 Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.

36 Sitting down, they kept watch over Him there.

37 And they put up over His head the accusation written against Him: THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS.”

Matthew 27:26-37

“8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

Romans 3:23

“For the wages of sin is death,...”

Romans 6:23a

“Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 3:20

“6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die.

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

Romans 5:6-8

II. GOD'S GRACE IS ALWAYS AT WORK DRAWING PEOPLE TO HIM

“So when the centurion, who stood opposite Him, saw that He cried out like this and breathed His last, he said, “Truly this Man was the Son of God!”

Mark 15:39

“so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us;”

Acts 17:27

“Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

III. GOD'S GRACE DESIRES EVERYONE TO COME TO JESUS

“46 And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last.

47 So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!”

Luke 23:46-47