

GRACE and Truth

For the law was given through Moses, but GRACE AND TRUTH came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

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God's Glory Revealed

by W. Ryan Steenburg

"Like the Psalmist, though, when I look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers and the moon and the stars, which He has set in place, I cannot help but be amazed ..."

As I write this article there is suspense in the air. For the first time in almost a century the United States will get to observe a total eclipse of the sun. In case you have ignored the headlines on this phenomenon, a total solar eclipse is when the moon passes in front of the sun, blocking it from earth's view. From what I understand, everyone in the United States will see at least a partial eclipse. But, if you are in the correct path of the sun, you will be able to see the total eclipse (the complete covering of the sun).

As I have read about the eclipse, it sounds like it will be an awesome spectacle of one piece of God's creation that we too often take for granted, underestimate, ignore, or even bemoan as it radiates heat. Individuals who are in the path of totality will witness what is called the corona, which is the hot gasses that surround the sun. These are likely what you think of as you consider the rays of the sun shooting out in all directions. The very thing that hurts your eyes to look at on a normal day will be revealed to the watching millions throughout the 90 minute span of time it takes to travel from the west coast to the east coast. What once you could not see you will be able to view for a minute and a half from any part of the country in the path of totality. During a total eclipse the corona has been described as a pearly white crown surrounding the sun. How amazing to consider God's creation in a new light! I am jealous of those who will be able to actually witness this act in its totality.

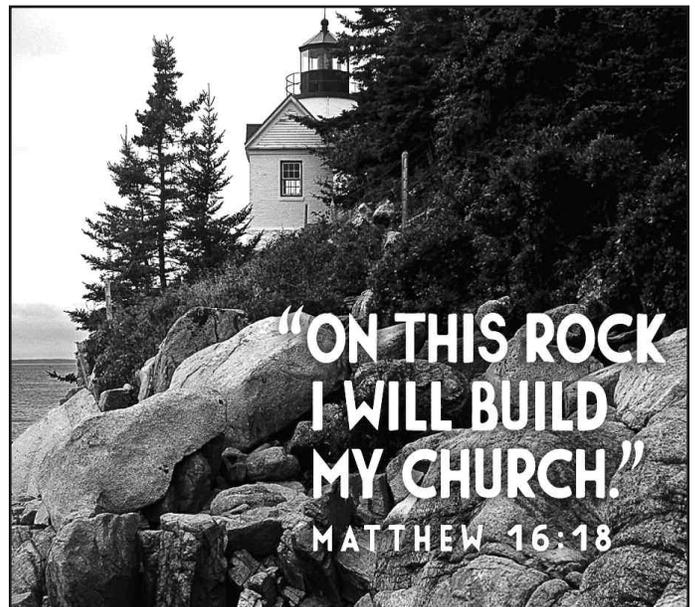
I think this astronomical phenomenon has endless biblical implications for who God is, what He has created, and all the lengths that Scripture goes to attempt to describe His majesty. I truly believe God's glory will be revealed to many in a way that never before could be appreciated. We can read in Scripture how others have sought to describe

God in all His glory. As contemporary Christians, we sing songs that attempt to adorn God's glory, and, in all fairness, I think most Christians seek to live their lives in a way that gives God glory. Like the Psalmist, though, when I look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers and the moon and the stars, which He has set in place, I cannot help but be amazed that God thinks of me or even cares for me – but He does (Psalm 8:3-4).

The following is an excerpt from a collection of writings by A.W. Tozer. I think Tozer does a very good job of summarizing who God is, why He came, and what our response ought to be.

"Seeing who God is and who we are, a right relationship between God and us is of vital importance. That God should be glorified in us is so critically important that it stands in lonely grandeur, a moral imperative more compelling than any other which the human heart can acknowledge. To bring ourselves into a place where God will be eternally pleased with us should be the first responsible

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Sunday Morning DiscipleLIFE Classes

GOD LOVES YOU

This class is based on the book **God Loves You** by David Jeremiah. The most profound truth in the universe is that God loves us. Experiencing this love has the potential to answer every question, solve every problem, and satisfy the deepest yearnings of the heart. So why are so many people who believe this still unable to fully utilize the power of God's love in their personal lives? Dr. Jeremiah reveals in his book that not fully understanding and appreciating every critical dimension of God's love can lead to missed opportunities to experience His love. **Taught by Michael Smith and Brent Hendricks in room 112/113.**

THE BOOK OF DANIEL

One of the most remarkable books in all of the Bible is that of Daniel. The purpose of this book is to provide a historical account of how the Lord protected and provided for Daniel and His other faithful followers while in captivity. It also includes a vision of future redemption and hope. **Taught by Rick Storm in room 109/110.**

ABIDING IN JESUS

A class geared for teenagers.

Inspired by John 15, this study teaches that abiding in Jesus leads to trusting Him in all life's situations and bearing spiritual fruit in Him. The study features interactive teaching with small group discussion, application, prayer, and fellowship time. All middle school and high school students are welcome to attend. Parents are encouraged to participate too. **This class is taught in room 115.**



DISCIPLELIFE: CHILDREN'S WING

The Children's Wing uses the **Answers in Genesis** curriculum during the DiscipleLIFE hour. Nursery (birth to 2 years of age) is in room 108. Fantastic Foxes (3 years to 5 years of age) meet in room 103, and elementary grades meet in room 101/102.

your corner ...

by Jennifer Wilkerson

What is already in "full swing" for many this month? SCHOOL! What some eagerly anticipate others dread. Regardless of our response to formal academics, we can and should learn for the rest of our lives.

Here are some quotes I found about this subject – some surprising, some humorous, and some convicting!

First, from the very best Author:

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2nd Timothy 2:15)

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction." (Proverbs 1:7)

"It is not that I'm so smart. But I stay with the questions much longer." *"Any fool can know. The point is to understand."* (both by Albert Einstein)

"Change is the end result of all true learning." (Leo Buscaglia)

"So you see! There's no end to the things you might know, depending how far beyond zebra you go." (Dr. Suess)

"In youth we learn; in age we understand." (Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach)

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"The capacity of the female mind for studies of the highest order cannot be doubted, having been sufficiently illustrated by its works of genius, of erudition, and of science." (James Madison)

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener." (Robert Frost)

"If you think education is expensive, try ignorance." (Derek Bok)

"If we let ourselves, we shall always be waiting for some distraction or other to end before we can really get down to our work. The only people who achieve much are those who want knowledge so badly that they seek it while the conditions are still unfavorable. Favorable conditions never come." (C.S. Lewis)

News From the Children's Department

by Holly Phoenix

There will be a children's ministry training on Saturday, September 9 from 10:00-12:00. All current volunteers, subs, parents of small children, and those considering serving in the children's department are encouraged to attend. Teens are also welcome. Please let me know if you are able to come.

I am still looking for help in the nursery several times a month. If you are available to help, please contact me.

Be watching for information on Operation Christmas Child, Volunteer Appreciation, and fun fall activities!

Grace on Wings – Charity Air Ambulance

Many people are unable to afford travel costs to get far away medical care they so desperately need. With the support of charitable funding, Grace on Wings provides air transportation for patients who need important treatment throughout the United States.

Grace on Wings freely donates all professional services (pilots, medical staff, and medical supplies), allowing them to serve families at about one-third the average cost of other air medical transport services. However, the cost for fuel, maintenance, and insurance for the aircraft is a necessary expense for Grace on Wings to operate.

Tragedy may strike hundreds of miles from home where family, support, or treatment is not available. Long-distance patient transfers for essential treatment is an increasing necessity as hospitals are more specialized.

Grace On Wings charity air ambulance service is available for those:

- too ill for commercial flight;
- too ill for long-distance ground transportation; and
- unable to afford transportation to access critical medical care.

To be eligible, the patient's condition MUST require medically supervised transport for a distance of greater than 150 miles.

Grace on Wings is holding their annual fund raising gala on September 16 at 5:00 p.m. at the Indianapolis International Airport, Hanger 7, 2755 Cargo Drive. The evening will feature a delicious meal, silent auction, ministry update from CEO and chief pilot Hal Blank, testimonials from past patients, and the keynote guest speaker Dr. Louis Profeta. Please consider filling a table of eight. Invite a friend, co-worker, family member or neighbor to enjoy the evening with you. RSVP deadline is September 1. For more information, contact Shelli Engle at shelli.engle@graceonwings.org or see the website page: <https://www.graceonwings.org/news.html#2017details>.

Grace on Wings' Mission Report #489

by Shelli Engle

Recently, I received a call from Ashley. She told me her 76 year old mother Dorothy was injured when she fell. She lives in Florida and needed to be transported to North Carolina for rehabilitation.

Ashley told me that right after her mother's fall, as she was walking through a restaurant Ashley came across an old family friend, Judy, whom she had not seen or spoken with for many years. Judy, her husband Dick, and their children had been neighbors to Ashley's family when she was growing up. Ashley and Judy's children had been raised together many years ago, but as life goes on, they all went their separate ways and lost contact.

They spent a few minutes catching up and Ashley told Judy about her mom. Then it was Judy's turn to share with

Ashley. You see back in July, Grace on Wings transported Dick from Asheville to San Antonio. Yes, mission #485 was Judy's husband Dick, and now at this very moment God had orchestrated this reunion between Ashley and Judy. Judy wasted no time recommending Grace on Wings to Ashley for transporting her mom to the rehab she needed in North Carolina.

When Ashley called us, she shared this story and when we talked about the cost for the fuel to transport her mom she began to cry with relief. It was exactly what she had put away to help her mother!

We arrived in Florida and had the privilege of meeting our patient Dorothy and two of her dear friends, Sue and Ruthie. Sue's daughter is married to Judy's son and as we entered the room she gave me a huge hug and said, "My daughter said to tell you hello."

Dorothy is very small framed and frail but she is a spitfire. She and her husband were married

for 50 years prior to his death and have two children, daughter Ashley and her brother Jim who is lives in North Carolina and will be overseeing Dorothy's rehab. Dorothy is a very strong Christian and loves Jesus.

We packed her up and headed to the airport. Sue and Ruthie followed behind the ambulance (91 year old Ruthie did the driving). They came out onto the tarmac to give Dorothy one last farewell hug and joined us in prayer before boarding our aircraft Nellie.

Just as we took off, I sent a picture to Dorothy's children, Jim and Ashley, to let them know we were on our way. As we flew, Dorothy requested her favorite cookies, and not just one but four. (A girl after my own heart!!)

I presented her with the cross made out of olive wood in Jerusalem that we had brought for her. She was ecstatic as tears rolled down her cheeks. She asked me to pray with her because she was a little anxious, and I gladly did.

She napped for about 20 minutes and then opened her eyes and asked why we weren't moving. I had to laugh as I told her we were still flying. She simply said, "Wow, it is so calm I thought we were sitting still."

Dorothy commented on how she could not believe that she was in the same plane that her friend Dick had been in so recently. We arrived in North Carolina and once again I sent both Jim and Ashley a message to let them know.

We prayed one last time as we hugged goodbye.

The budget of the Missions Committee operates solely from designated giving, and not from the general offering. In order to support the Grace Evangelical Missions outreach, you need to mark your offering envelope with the specific amount you wish to go to MISSIONS. We pray that everyone regularly attending Grace will give to the Missions Ministry so that 100% of those who call Grace their home church will be participating in our church mission program.



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act of every [person].

"Knowing our sin and moral ignorance, the impossibility of effecting such a happy relationship becomes instantly evident. Since we cannot go to God, what then shall we do? The answer is found in the Christian witness: it is that God came to us in the Incarnation. 'Who is Jesus?' asks the world, and the church answers, 'Jesus is God come to us.' He is come to seek us, to woo us, to win us to God again. And to do this He needed to die for us redemptively. He must in some manner undo our sins, destroy our record of sins committed and break the power of sins entrenched within us. All this, says the Christian witness, He did upon the cross perfectly, effectually and for good."

So the world will wonder at the amazing rays of the sun. Maybe even you and I will find a special sense of who God is by being witness of the pearly white crown which He created. But the truly amazing story is about Christ and what He has done for us. In our place He found himself upon the cross. Stepping between God the Father as the Righteous Judge, He covered the wrath of our sins. This not only reveals God's glory, but it gives us the hope of one day basking in His glory, fully realizing the majesty which He is owed, and truly worshipping Him in spirit and in truth.

Celebrating 25 Years of Grace

Our 25th Anniversary Celebration took place on Saturday, August 19th with approximately 175 in attendance. Enjoy the photos!



AUGUST

- 9/05 Mary Monfreda
- 9/14 Charles Conlin
- 9/20 Melissa Hedden
- 9/25 Doug Decker
- 9/25 Rick Wilkerson
- 9/27 Brent Hendricks

ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/01 Steve and Janet Agal
- 9/03 Joel and Jennifer Yao
- 9/17 Rick and Jennifer Wilkerson
- 9/21 Jack and Mary Phoenix
- 9/23 Larry and Rose Hartman



Char Urban won the dessert contest at our *Celebrating 25 Years* event. Below is the award-winning recipe.



Oreo Balls (Truffles)

- Ingredients:
- 1 package (16 ounce) of family size Oreo cookies, crushed
 - 1 eight ounce cream cheese, softened
 - 1 package (14 ounce) of white almond bark, melted (microwave)

Using mixer, blend Oreos and cream cheese together. Roll into small balls and chill about an hour.

Roll or dip chilled Oreo balls into melted almond bark and chill about 15 minutes.

Char uses a cookie sheet to lay out the balls and toothpicks to dip them into the white chocolate. She uses a spoon to cover and blend the hole on top when the toothpick is removed.