

The Grace of God

Message Series: Forgiven and Forgiving

Bible Passage: Matthew 20:1-16

*God's Forgiveness and Eternal Life are not _____.
They are a _____.
(Romans 6:23; Mark 2:17)

*God Gives the _____ Abundant Grace to Everyone Who
Follows Jesus
(Ephesians 1:7-8)

*God's Saving Grace is Received by _____
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

*God _____ People into a Saving
Relationship with Himself Until Jesus Returns

Matthew 20:1-16 (English Standard Version)

- 1 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard.
- 2 After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard.
- 3 And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace,
- 4 and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.'
- 5 So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same.
- 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?'
- 7 They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.'
- 8 And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.'
- 9 And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius.
- 10 Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius.
- 11 And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house,
- 12 saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'
- 13 But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?'
- 14 Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you.
- 15 Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?'
- 16 So the last will be first, and the first last."