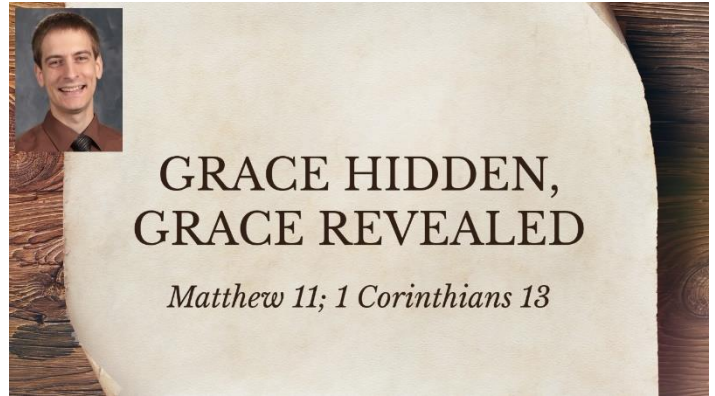


Grace Hidden, Grace Revealed

Sermon

- 1 Corinthians 13; Matthew 11

Sermon Series: Vanishing Grace



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1) Jesus criticized the Pharisees for **mechanical faithfulness**.

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

(Matthew 23:23)

2) Martin Luther criticized the Catholic Church for selling **indulgences**, for withholding the **grace of God** which should be **free**.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 6:23)

3) When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, “**Repent**,” he willed the entire life of believers to be one of **repentance**.

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

(Matthew 4:17)

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

(Matthew 16:24–25)

4) Our love should not be for the sake of any **personal gain**, but **free** because God’s love is **free for us**.

¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

(1 John 4: 10–11)