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Pastor Sue's August Message

Once at a seminar, I heard a speaker say, "The world can do almost anything as well or better than the church. You need not be a Christian to build houses, feed the hungry, or clothe the naked. But there is only one thing that the world cannot do; it cannot offer grace." Precisely! In fact, grace is what distinguishes Christianity from all other religions.

What is grace, anyway? Grace is what we have received from God freely, even though we don't deserve it. We don't earn it, but it is given to us as a gift. That is grace. We have received forgiveness and generosity freely from God. That is grace. And the grace of God is given to us not just to keep it to ourselves, but to share it with others.

As we look at the world today, we see a grace-deficient world, don't we? We do see the need to practice the grace intentionally toward both ourselves and others. That's why we will start a new sermon series simply titled "Grace vs. Justice." During the month of August, we will hear three wonderful stories from the Bible that reveal the heart of God. So come join us!

In Christ,

Sue