

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Devotional of the Month

Grace for the New Year By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. (1 Corinthians 15:10). Grace is not only God's disposition to do good for us when we don't deserve it. It is an actual power from God that acts and makes good things happen in us and for us.

God's grace was God's acting in Paul to make Paul work hard: "By the grace of God . . . I worked harder than any of them." So when Paul says, "Work out your own salvation," he adds, "For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure" (Philippians 2:12-13). Grace is power from God to do good things in us and for us.

This grace is past and it is future. It is ever-cascading over the infinitesimal waterfall of the present, from the inexhaustible river of grace coming to us from the future, into the ever-increasing reservoir of grace in the past.

In the next five minutes, you will receive sustaining grace flowing to you from the future, and you will accumulate another five minutes' worth of grace in the reservoir of the past. The proper response to the grace you experienced in the past is *thankfulness*, and the proper response to grace promised to you in the future is *faith*. We are *thankful* for the past grace of the last year, and we are *confident* in the future grace for the new year. (source: John Piper at www.desiringgod.org)

Seeking the Word of God?

Indeed, the Word of God can be sought in various ways: attending worship services, subscribing to daily devotionals, prayer, reading Scriptures. Joining a Bible study group is also a great way to seek God's Word. It is done in fellowship, with fellow Christians who pray together and for each other. In a Bible study group, you sojourn on the path to the Truth with fellow travellers sharing their faith experiences of rough roads conquered and of wondrous vistas beheld.

At St Tim's, we have three Bible study groups to choose from. The Day Bible Study Group meets on Wednesdays at 10am and is presently exploring the Bible using the study guide: Christian Beliefs. The Evening Bible Study Group meets every second Monday at 7pm and will be starting a new study series in the new year. These two Bible study groups are led by Mike Powell. Alternating Mondays with the latter Bible study group, the Senior Youth Bible Study Group (ages 16 to 23), led by Nic Larouche, meets every second Monday at 7pm and is currently learning the Biblical views about living in this world and about the media.

Seeking the Word of God? Consider joining any of these groups and let God's grace sustain you on your journey to the Truth; you will be most welcome.

God's Grace at St Tim's

It is through God's grace we have a minister, Rev. Reine Boghos, ready and eager to lead us; for such we are most grateful. And, it is with faith in God's grace that together, St Timothy's and Rev. Reine, will make good things happen.

Rev. Reine has already begun her ministry at St Tim's by leading the Christmas Eve Service. To formally admit Rev. Reine as our minister within the Presbytery of Ottawa, there will be an **Induction Service** on **Sunday January 6 at 7pm**. Members and adherents of St Timothy's are encouraged to attend and to welcome Reine as our new pastor. Reception and refreshment will follow.

We look forward to working with Rev. Reine with faith and confidence in God's grace.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship Service	Jan 6, 10am
Induction Service for Rev. Reine Boghos	Jan 6, 7pm
Sunday Worship Service & African Chorus.....	Jan 13, 10am
Sunday Worship Service	Jan 20, 10am
Family Worship Service.....	Jan 27, 10am

Upcoming Events

Induction Service for Rev. Reine Boghos	Jan 6, 7pm
Sunday School Service	Jan 20, 10am
Fun Day	Jan 26, 3pm
Youth Sell Cupcakes	Jan 27, 11am

Church Groups

African Chorus	Jan 6, 11am
Craft Group	Jan 7, 14, 21, 28, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 10am
Evening Bible Study	Jan 14, 28, 7pm
JOY Group	Jan 15, 10am
Senior Youth Bible Study	Jan 7, 21, 7pm
St Tim's Choir	Jan 6, 13, 20, 27, 9am