**Sunday, July 1, 2012**

**Welcome** – Greg Snow

**Call to Worship** – *Psalm 95:1-9*

*O come let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms. For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it: and his hands formed the dry land. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your heart.*

**Songs of Praise** – *O Worship the King/Majesty*

**Prayer of Repentance –** *Hosea 14:2*

*God invites us to be open and confess our sin. Listen to the words of Hosea 14:2…*

Bring your confessions, and return to the LORD.  
 Say to him,  
 **Forgive all our sins and graciously receive us,  
 so that we may offer you our praises.**

*Let’s take a moment to bow our heads and silently confess our sins to the Lord in prayer. (SILENCE)*

**Song of Worship** – *Give Us Clean Hands*

**Assurance of God’s Glorious Grace –** *Ephesians 1:4-7*

God graciously receives us because of the sacrifice that Christ offered on our behalf. Rest in this truth from Ephesians 1:4-7:

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.*

***So we praise God for the glorious grace he has poured out on us who belong to his dear Son. He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.***

**Song of Worship** – *Here Is Love*

**Offering**

**Grace, Grace, Grace *–****Ephesians 2:4-9/Charles H. Spurgeon*

**Ephesians 2:4-9** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

With great reluctance we give up our flattering opinions of ourselves. We find it difficult to discard of the notion of our own inherent merit. It is hard to drag man away from the rock of self-justification. He is glued so fast to the great stone of self-conceit, which lies close by the gates of hell, that a stronger than Hercules is needed to tear him from it; and even such a deliverer must rip him from it, leaving the skin behind.   
  
 From the gate of the City of Destruction up to the pearl gate of the New Jerusalem, it is all grace. The road to glory is paved with stones of grace. The chariot in which we ride to heaven is all of grace. The strength that draws it, and the axle that bears it up, is all of grace and grace alone.   
  
 In the whole covenant of grace, from the first letter of the charter down to its last word, there is nothing at all of merit or man's goodness, but it is grace, grace, grace!   
  
 Oh, how this casts mire into the face of human self-sufficiency!   
  
 O for a gospel that reveals the sinner as saved by grace from first to last, that God may have all the praise!

**Songs of Worship –** *Grace, Grace, God’s Grace/My Jesus, I Love Thee*

**Message** – *“Dealing With Lust”*   
 *Scripture Reference: Matthew 5:27-30*

*Jesus continues to deal with our external self-righteous religion by once, again going to the source of sin – the heart.*

**1. Deed (vs. 27)**

* + Technically speaking, adultery is sexual intercourse between a man & woman when one or both are married.
  + Jesus broadens the meaning to any sex outside of the covenant of marriage is sin.
  + Marriage is God’s design for men & women to enjoy a blessed sexual life.

**2.** **Desire (vs. 28)**

* “Looks” refers to the continuous process of looking. Not the incidental or involuntary glance but rather the intentional and repeated act of gazing.
* “Already”- It is not lustful looking that causes the sin in the heart but the sinful heart that causes us to lustfully look.
* “Heart”-The heart is the soil where seeds of sin are imbedded & begin to grow.
* In Matthew 5:28, Jesus is speaking to men & we need to heed this warning every day. But women are equally accountable for lustful looking and encouraging men to lust.
* A.W. Pink states:

*If lustful looking is so grievous a sin, then those who dress and expose themselves with the desire to be looked at and lusted after…are not less but perhaps more guilty. In this matter it is not only too often the case that men sin but women tempt them to do so. How great then must be the guilt of the great majority of modern misses who deliberately seek to arouse the sexual passions of young men. And how much greater still is the guilt of most of their mothers for allowing them to become lascivious temptresses. (an Exposition of the Sermon on the Mount [Grand Rapids: Baker, 1974], p. 83)*

**3.** **Deliverance**

* Jesus is not advocating mutilation. No external action can keep a sinful heart from sinning. A true child of God who hungers and thirsts for righteousness will be radical about putting away and cutting off anything that causes him to stumble and sin.
* Helps to deliver one from this sin:

1) 2 Timothy 2:22 Flee and cultivate a pure heart…the battle begins in the heart! (Philippians 4:8)

2) Marriage is God’s design. Since God honors marriage, we should, too. Let us not defile its bed.

3) Marriage and intimacy is (1 Corinthians 7:3-5) a thrilling privilege and an obligation to each other.

4) Marriage should be encouraged, not delayed, to young couples. (1 Corinthians 7:2)

**Time of Prayer**