

# Welcome To Grace Brethren Church

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**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.**

**2Cor. 5:17**



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# Sundays at Grace

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Bible Classes: 9:00am

Grace Gathering [Courtyard]: 9:40am

Grace Worship Service: 10:00am

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## TEACHING SERIES:



**“If The Lord Wills”**

**Pastor Roy Halberg**

**Weekly Theme Passage**

**James 4:13-17**

Have you considered taking a next step in your relationship with Jesus by being Baptized or becoming a committed member of the Grace Norwalk Church? If so, our staff would love to talk with you. Fill out a “Connect Card” in the pew in front of you and drop it by the Connect Center.

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**We welcome our guests today and if you are new to Grace** and are looking for a way to connect, text the word **“CONNECT”** to **562.444.1211** and we will text you occasional updates and happenings at GRACE. We are so glad you are here!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Candi Blodgett	Wed	Oct 26
Carol Hancock	Sat	Oct 29
Maggie Olmedo	Sun	Oct 30

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Silvino & Mona Castro	Sat	Oct 29
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## EVENTS THIS WEEK @ GRACE

3 <sup>rd</sup> qtr. Church Meeting	Sun	Oct 23	11:45am
Women's Bible Study – <i>Hebrews (Olmedo Home)</i>	Mon	Oct 24	7:00pm
Ironmen Bible Study ( <i>C103</i> )	Tue	Oct 25	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group ( <i>Gonzalez Home</i> )	Tue	Oct 25	7:00pm
Bible Studies, Grace Students & Grace Kids	Wed	Oct 26	6:30pm
Worship Practice	Thu	Oct 27	6:30pm
Vision Team Meeting	Sat	Oct 29	8:00am

## COMING EVENTS

Thanksgiving Service and Dinner	Sun	Nov 20	4:00pm
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Mark your calendars for our annual Thanksgiving Celebration! This year we are changing things up a bit. We will not have a morning worship service on November 20th. Instead, we will be joining together at 4pm upstairs in the Fellowship Hall for a Community Thanksgiving Worship Service and Family Dinner. Be thinking about who you may want to invite to join us for this special time of worship and celebration over a Thanksgiving Dinner. More info to come in the coming weeks.

As we have been making our way through James there are so many practical takeaways for our life in Christ. These last couple Sundays we have been walking through James 4 and the verse that keeps jumping off the pages at me is **4:4** *“You adulterers! Don’t you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.”*

Such strong language that James uses! **Adulterers ... Enemies**. James has this picture of professing Jesus-followers who outwardly are playing church and associating themselves with ‘the body of Christ’ but inwardly have a deep longing and attachment to the pleasures of the world.

So how does one overcome this affection for the things of the world? James gives the listener the answer in verse **7 & 8**, *“Humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God and God will come close to you...”* Humility is the cure for worldliness.

**What place does humility have in your life?** vs 6 reminds us that *“...God gives grace to the humble”*. My prayer for us as a church is that we would experience His grace by being deeply rooted in Jesus and that we would collectively humble ourselves in obedience to Him, His Word, and the call He placed on our lives to be the body of Christ to a world that is lacking hope.

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Attendance Last Week: In-Person Service: 73

Online Viewed: 25

IF THE LORD WILL

James 4:13-17

Pastor Roy Halberg

→The question I have been asked most often than any other is . . .

→THE BIG IDEA: a person with a genuine living faith knows and does the will of God

→ James identifies three ways that his readers (and us!) can respond to God's will:

1. We can choose to I\_\_\_\_\_ God's Will (James 4:13-14, 16)

→Why is it foolish to do this?

A. The complexity of life (v. 13).

B. The uncertainty of life (v. 14 a)

C. The brevity of life (v. 14 b)

2. We can choose to D\_\_\_\_\_ God's Will (James 4:17)

→Why would you do this?

A. Because of P\_\_\_\_\_

B. Because of I\_\_\_\_\_

C. Because of failing to consider C\_\_\_\_\_

D. Because of forgetting future R\_\_\_\_\_

3. We can choose to O\_\_\_\_\_ God's will (James 4:15)

A. Know it

B. Understand it

C. Do it

SO WHAT? NOW WHAT? TAKING IT HOME!!

1. Do you know the will God for you?

He has told us that His will is for us to be:

- saved (1 Tim 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9)
- Spirit-filled (Eph 5:17-18)
- sanctified (1 Thess 4:3-8)
- submissive (1 Peter 2:13-15)
- suffering (1 Peter 3:17).

2. Do you include God in your plans and decision making process? How?

3. Can you say with Jesus today, "Not my will, but thine, be done"?