



HOPE CITY CHURCH

*"Helping people experience the Hope
found in a life-changing relationship with Jesus"*

LOVE | *unconditionally* - **REACH** | *intentionally* - **TEACH** | *transformationally*

SERVE | *relationally* - **SEND** | *courageously*



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TODAY @ HOPE CITY CHURCH

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Thanks for joining us for our Worship Service! Our staff & volunteers have been praying for each of you and we can't wait to get to know you. If this is your first time with us, fill out a Connect Card & pick up a **welcome bag** from the connect center as a gift from Hope City Church. Welcome Home!



A MESSAGE for the DISCOURAGED

Haggai 2: 1-9

Pastor Oscar Chavez

ADVENTURE CLUB FOR KIDS

[children 3 years old through 5th grade]

Join us every Friday at 6:30pm on the HOPE CITY Church campus
Adventure Club Kids meet in Room B105. For more information contact:

hopecitykids@hopecitychurch.la

HOPE CITY STUDENTS

Students and Parents! There are three opportunities each week for 6th-12th grade students to worship God and find community with students their own age on the HC campus:

FRIDAYS 6:30-8:00p | **HC Garage**

SUNDAYS 9:00-10:00a | **Rm B103**

SUNDAYS 10:45a-12p | **HC Garage**

DIGITAL CONNECTION

We live in a digital age & we want to use that digital footprint to make Jesus known, but we need your help:

- 1) follow us on Instagram & Facebook and then share our posts regularly
 - 2) go to google.com & give a quick review of Hope City Church Norwalk.
- These are easy ways to get word out about what God is doing here!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Wesley Lansing Sun Feb 04

James Gutierrez Mon Feb 05

THIS WEEK @ HOPE CITY

Ironmen Bible Study	Tue	Feb 06	6:30pm
Gonzalez Small Group (<i>Gonzalez Home</i>)	Tue	Feb 06	6:30pm
Serve Coffee to TLC Families (<i>On Campus</i>)	Wed	Feb 07	7:30am
Women's Bible Study (<i>Rm D103</i>)	Wed	Feb 07	6:30pm
Bible Studies (English & Spanish)	Fri	Feb 09	6:30pm
Hope City Kids Adventure Club	Fri	Feb 09	6:30pm
Hope City Students	Fri	Feb 09	6:30pm

COMING EVENTS

HC Student Cookie Baking (Rm C201)	Sat	Feb 10	9:00am
Hope City Women Gathering	Sat	Feb 10	10:00am

HOPE CITY CHURCH WOMEN'S GATHERING

Our next HC Women's Gathering is this Saturday(2/10) @10:00am -12:00pm and it's all about Prayer. What it is, why it's important, and how to do it. We'll look at examples from God's Word and make our own prayer journal. Come fellowship with other women and enjoy a lite breakfast and good conversation. We will meet in Room B103

Attendance Last Week: In-Person Service 107

Online views:34

Read Apply Pray

31 days of priority proverbs from God's Word

God's Grace

The concept of God's grace is familiar to most followers of Jesus. Yet, it can still be complicated to understand and even harder to explain. So, what is grace exactly? The Greek word for grace is Charis, and it means good will, loving-kindness, and favor. It's God's unmerited favor and unconditional love given to an undeserving world. And we've done absolutely nothing to earn it. The whole world needs grace, and whether someone lives in a palace or a prison, it's 100% free to those of us who receive it. While it's free to us, it cost God everything. Grace was given in a remarkable way through God's Son, Jesus.

God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NIV

That's the essence of God's limitless grace. Jesus was sent to die on a cross before anyone could even receive Him. Nobody's without sin, and everyone falls short of God's standard: Yet God, in His grace, fully makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. Romans 3:24 NLT

All we have to do is say yes to Jesus.

Here are some ways to break down what grace means:

It's God's way of treating us as if we never sinned. ^[SEP]It means that our past failures serve a purpose, not shame. ^[SEP]It overcomes the hardest of hearts. ^[SEP]It meets us exactly where we are but doesn't leave us in that place. ^[SEP]It has no requirements. We just have to recognize our need for it.

We're all spiritually bankrupt outside of God's grace. It's something that can't be purchased or earned.

Yet, we're often drawn to earning. We earn an income, we earn rewards, and we earn respect. And we feel good when we do, because we actually did something that warrants us receiving some type of accolade, reward, or payment. But, when we're given a free gift—like grace—we don't know how to accept something that we put no effort toward.

This is why we have to understand grace as a gift. We've likely received birthday and Christmas gifts in our lives, and when we do, we typically say the most common two word phrase known to mankind—thank you. Let's do the same with God's grace. We don't deserve it, we can't earn it, and we're unable to repay