

CrossRoads Community Church  
Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of October 23, 2022  
**“THE GRACE AND TRUTH PARADOX – Responding with Christlike Balance”**  
Part 5: Giving and Receiving, Acts 20:32

**INTRODUCTION:** *“The ancient, historical Jesus came full of grace and truth. The modern, mythological Jesus comes full of tolerance and relativism. Even in the church, truth is sometimes buried under subjectivism and cowardice, while grace is lost in a sea of permissiveness and indifference. Without truth, we lack courage to speak and convictions to speak about. Without grace, we lack compassion to meet people’s deepest needs.”*

Randy Alcorn

**“GRACE”**

Original Word: *xáris* - is preeminently used of the Lord’s unmerited favor – freely extended to give *Himself* away to people

**“TRUTH”**

Original Word: *alétheia* ”Not” + ”Concealed”, reality, sincerity, truth in the moral sphere, divine truth revealed to man, straightforwardness.

**1. GIVE AND RECEIVE PRESENCE**

*And when they had come to him, he said to them:... And they accompanied him to the ship.”* Acts 20: 18, 38

- *Encourage One Another*  
*Hebrews 10: 24-25*
- *Escort One Another*  
*Ephesians 5: 1-2*

**2. GIVE AND RECEIVE PURPOSE**

*So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.”* Acts 20: 32

- *Confirm Salvation*  
*2 Corinthians 10:17-18*
- *Commit to Scripture*  
*1 Thessalonians 2:13*
- *Continue with the Sanctified*  
*Eph. 1:11-12*

**3. GIVE AND RECEIVE PERSPECTIVE**

*And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.”* Acts 20: 36

- *Support the Poor*  
*Acts 20:35*
- *Share in Prayer*  
*Ephesians 6:18*

**CONCLUSION**

*As the Apostle Paul prepares to leave the church until he sees them again in heaven, he commits them to the care of the elders to live by the word of grace. Since the Word of God is active and powerful, it’s how He builds His followers with presence, purpose and perspective. It’s called the word of grace because it always builds with bad raw materials. As we receive His grace and grow in our Christian walk (i.e., are sanctified), we then share His grace with others until that day we receive His inheritance in heaven.*