

March 17, 2019 ... Lent #2

Justifying Grace

Matthew 20: 30-33

Romans 5:1-2, 6-11

VISION: We are a functional family of God, where Jesus is Lord and people grow.

MISSION: Every layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); every layperson is called to be missional.
(¶126 of the 2016 Book of Discipline)

There are two kinds of people in this world: people who need to become disciples and disciples who need to become disciple makers.



Peace be with you.
AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
—EVEN SO I AM—
SENDING YOU.

John 20:21, ESV

30 And behold, two blind men sitting by the roadside, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, “Have mercy on us, Son of David!” 31 The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent; but they cried out the



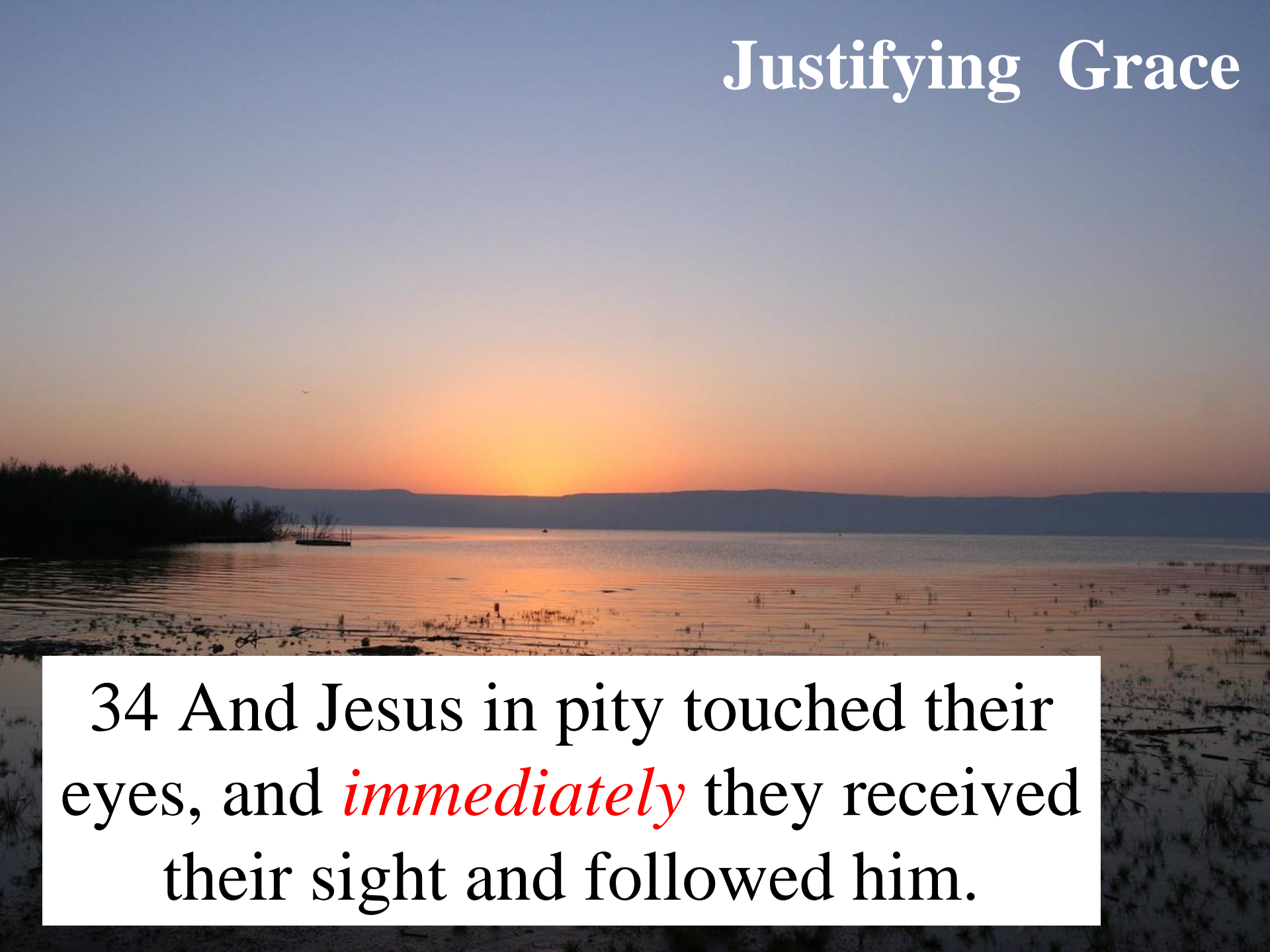
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more, "Lord, have mercy
on us, Son of David!"
32 And Jesus stopped
and called them, saying,
"What do you want me to
do for you?" 33 They
said to him, "Lord, let
our eyes be opened."



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34 And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and *immediately* they received their sight and followed him.

Watch for it:

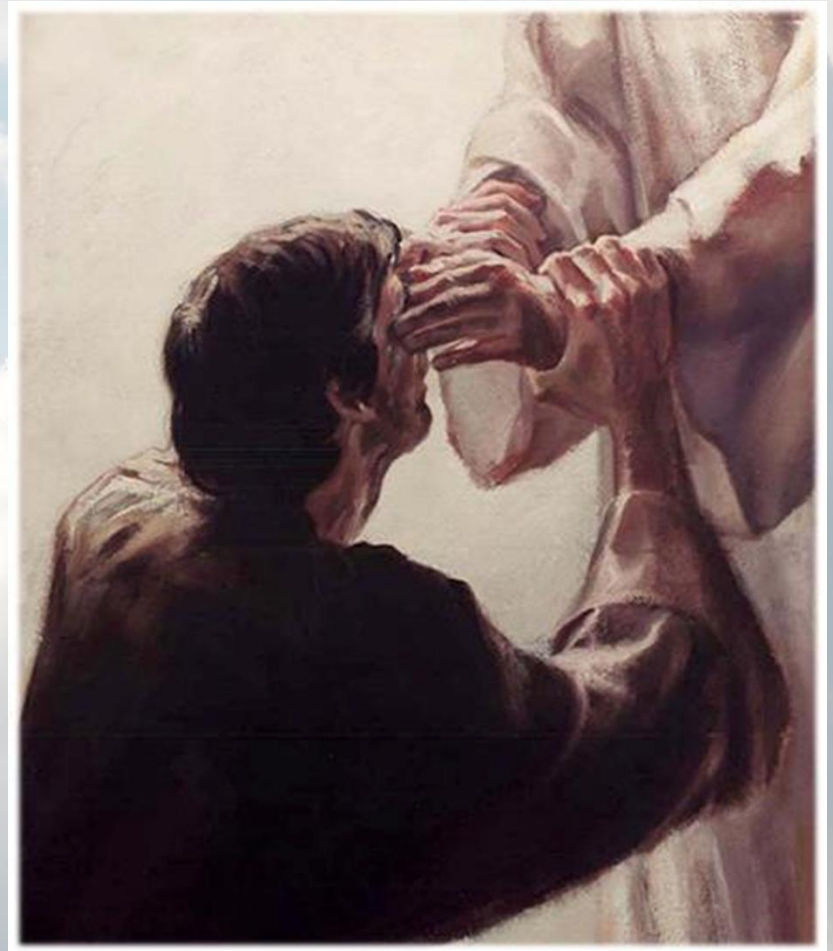
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Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

Romans 5:1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God...



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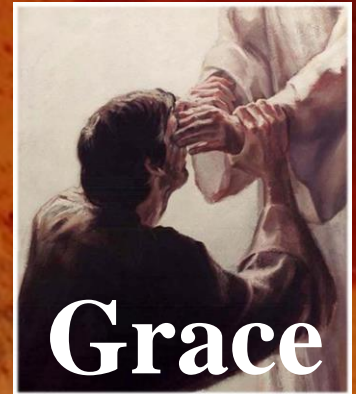
6 While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

7 Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. 8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

11 Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

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Justification and Assurance—We believe God reaches out to the repentant believer in justifying grace with accepting and pardoning love. Wesleyan theology stresses that a decisive change in the human heart can and does occur under the prompting of grace and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. *In justification we are, through faith, forgiven our sin and restored to God's favor.*

This righting of relationships by God through Christ calls forth our faith and trust as we experience *regeneration*, by which we are made new creatures in Christ. This process of justification and new birth is often referred to as conversion. Such a change may be sudden and dramatic, or gradual and cumulative. *It marks a new beginning, yet it is part of an ongoing process.*

Justifying
Grace changes
everything.



It is a transformation.

You
can
pray
for it.

Justifying Grace
is your **happy
ending.**

Prevenient
Grace is God
bringing you
toward your
happy ending.

You can pray for it.



Justification =

Made righteous

Made right

Mended

Made new

Born again ...

Amazing

Grace!



For
me ...

“Lord,
have
mercy
on
me!”



For
some
one
else ...

“Lord,
have
mercy
on
us!”