## The Grace Effect #3 <u>Grace Transferred</u> DEUT 15:1; Matt 10:8; 18:15-35

- Grace is an unobligated giver unconditionally giving to an underserving person
- We are called not only to receive grace, but to redistribute grace
- Grace shouldn't just be experienced but extended
- Lev 23:22 (NLT) "When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop. Leave it for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the Lord your God."
- **Deut 15:1 (NLT)** At the end of every seventh year you must cancel the debts of everyone who owes you money.
- Grace is not rational or reasonable
- **Matt 10:8** Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!
- Matt 6:12 (NLT) and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
- Matt 6:14 (NLT) <sup>14</sup> "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.
- Giving grace to a person doesn't diminish what they have done to you, but magnifies what Christ has for you.

- Matt 5:23-24 (NLT) So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person.
- **Matt 18:15 (NLT)** If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense.
- Whether You're The Offender Or The Offended, Be Proactive In Reconciliation
- Matt 18:21-22 (NLT) Then Peter came to him and asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" <sup>22</sup> "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!
- As a culture we have gotten too comfortable with conflict
- Matt 18:21-35 Parable of the Unforgiving Servant
- We can demand and receive justice, Or we can receive and offer grace
- Acts 15:19 (NLT) "And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.
- The Grace Effect is when we respond to people not based on what they have done to us, but what God has done for us.
- Colossians 3:12-13 (NLT) Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.