

## Be Grateful for God's Grace

Matthew 19:10-20:16

### Introduction:

- Believers must \_\_\_\_\_ complain (Phil 2:14)
  1. Complaining is a grievance that does not offer a s\_\_\_\_\_
  2. Complaining negates being g\_\_\_\_\_
- The parable of the Laborers in the vineyard
  1. Was prompted by a complaint of P\_\_\_\_\_
  2. The parable is preceded and followed by the words, *the first will be last and the last will be first.*
  3. The main point of the parable is that believers should always be g\_\_\_\_\_ for God's grace.

### The Savior S\_\_\_\_\_ to Save (20:1-7)

- The summary of the first part of the parable
  1. A landowner hires five groups of workers to w\_\_\_\_\_ in his vineyard.
  2. The first group works for the entire d\_\_\_\_\_ and agrees to work for one day's wage (a denarius)
  3. The next groups he hires at different parts of the day telling them he will pay them what seems r\_\_\_\_\_ to him.
- The key to understanding this parable is found in 19:28
  1. Jesus focuses on the group who is f\_\_\_\_\_ Him
  2. Prior to this a r\_\_\_\_\_ young ruler refused to follow Jesus because Jesus demanded that he sell all his possessions and give it to the p\_\_\_\_\_.
    - a. Jesus stated that it was easier for a c\_\_\_\_\_ to go through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter heaven's kingdom.
    - b. The disciples responded, *Then who can be saved?* because they knew it was i\_\_\_\_\_ for a camel to go through an eye of a needle.
    - c. Jesus responded that it is impossible for a person to s\_\_\_\_\_ themselves but God can save anyone (*with man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible*)
- Since we cannot save ourselves, Jesus seeks to save the lost
  1. We should be grateful for this g\_\_\_\_\_ since this is the only way we can be saved from our sin (Eph 2:8,9)

2. We should be grateful when we see anyone come to Christ, even those whom we deem as good-for-nothing.
  - a. In God's eyes, prior to coming to Christ, we were all good-for-nothing (Rom 3:10-12)
  - b. Only \_\_\_\_\_ is truly good (Matt 19:17)

### **The Saved S\_\_\_\_\_ to Serve (20:8-12)**

- The summary of the second part of the parable
  1. A\_\_\_\_\_ the workers had to sacrifice something in order to work in the landowner's vineyard.
  2. Some had to sacrifice m\_\_\_\_\_ than others (some worked under the heat of the s\_\_\_\_\_, where the last group worked when the sun was low).
- What did the apostles give up to serve Jesus?
  1. They gave up their b\_\_\_\_\_, families, friends, etc.
  2. They gave up e\_\_\_\_\_ (19:27)
- Jesus does not call everyone to sacrifice everything
  1. The man out of whom Jesus cast a l\_\_\_\_\_ of demons was forbidden by Jesus to sacrifice everything to follow Him. He was told to tell others about what God had done for him (Mk 5:18,19)
  2. Support – Pastors (some are full-time, some must divide their time)
  3. Time - VBS workers
  4. Money - Giving to God's kingdom work
  5. Comfort Zone – God may call you out of your comfort zone to serve Christ.
- Be grateful that God is using your sacrifices to accomplish eternal things!

### **The Same S\_\_\_\_\_ will be Received (20:13-15)**

- The summary of the last part of the parable
  1. Time came for the laborers to be paid by the landowner and he starts with the \_\_\_\_\_ group hired and ends with the \_\_\_\_\_ group hired.
  2. The last group only worked for \_\_\_\_\_ and got paid what was agreed upon – one whole day's wage.
  3. The first hired group saw what the last hired group got paid and thought they would be paid much more since the

landowner agreed to pay them what he thought was  
r\_\_\_\_\_.

4. The landowner paid them the s\_\_\_\_\_ amount.

● When Peter pointed out that they sacrificed everything, Jesus pointed them to a future time of receiving from God.

1. The regeneration (NLT – the new world; NIV – the renewal of all things)

a. At this time believers will receive m\_\_\_\_\_ times more than what was sacrificed.

b. At this time believers will receive eternal l\_\_\_\_\_ in the fullest sense.

1) Right now we have eternal life s\_\_\_\_\_

2) In the new world we will have eternal life

p\_\_\_\_\_ and psychologically (I Thess 5:23,24)

2. The new world is the new heaven and new earth which God will give us all (Rev 21:1-3; Jms 1:12; 2:5; 2 Pet 3:13).

3. Don't confuse this with rewards

a. 1 Cor 3:13-15 refers to rewards that believers will receive, which will v\_\_\_\_\_ from person to person.

b. Matt 19:29 refers to the s\_\_\_\_\_ grace (gift) that EVERY believer will receive – the new world and eternal life.

● The parable ends with the landowner answering the complaints

1. Don't criticize the g\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

2. Be grateful that God's g\_\_\_\_\_ is the same to all who love Him.

*Be grateful for God's grace. Without it, where would you be?*