



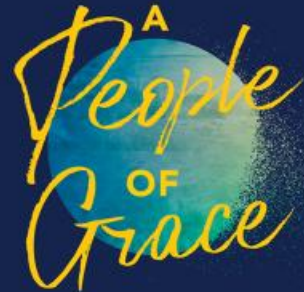
# A People OF Grace

**Challenges to Grace**

**1 John 2**

## 1 John 2:15-17 NIV

**Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.**



# The World Competes For Your Allegiance

**ACCOMMODATE NO RIVALS**

*Do not love the world or anything in the world.*

**Love What Matters**

**The Enemy is Trying to Steal Your Devotion**

**Christ Community as Primary Culture**

**Like Daniel... Draw the Line**

**Where God Draws the Line**

**Embrace Our Identity in Christ**



**The World Appeals to Your Appetites**

**EXHIBIT SELF-CONTROL**

*the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes,  
and the pride of life*

**Like in the Garden of Eden...**

**The Enemy Endorses Your Desires**

**Live Counter-Culturally**

**The Path of Discipleship is  
Marked by Self-Denial**

**The Path to Joy and Victory**



**The World Encourages Your Urgency**

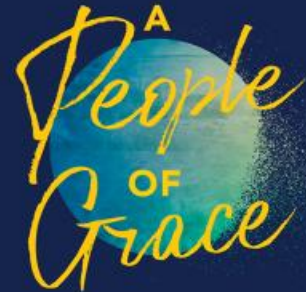
**PURSUE ETERNAL REWARDS**

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whoever does the will of God lives forever.*

**Our Culture Capitalizes on Impatience  
The Enemy Tempts You with the Temporary**

**Discipleship Takes Time and  
Prolonged Commitment**

**Consumerism is an  
Alternative Religion**



# The Journey of Grace Always Has Competition

**Get Rid of Rivals**

**Resist Temptation**

**Pursue the Blessings of God**

**Answering Jesus's Call to Discipleship  
Is Worth the Effort**

*of greater worth than gold*

