

# Growing in GRACE

Sunday Morning Series



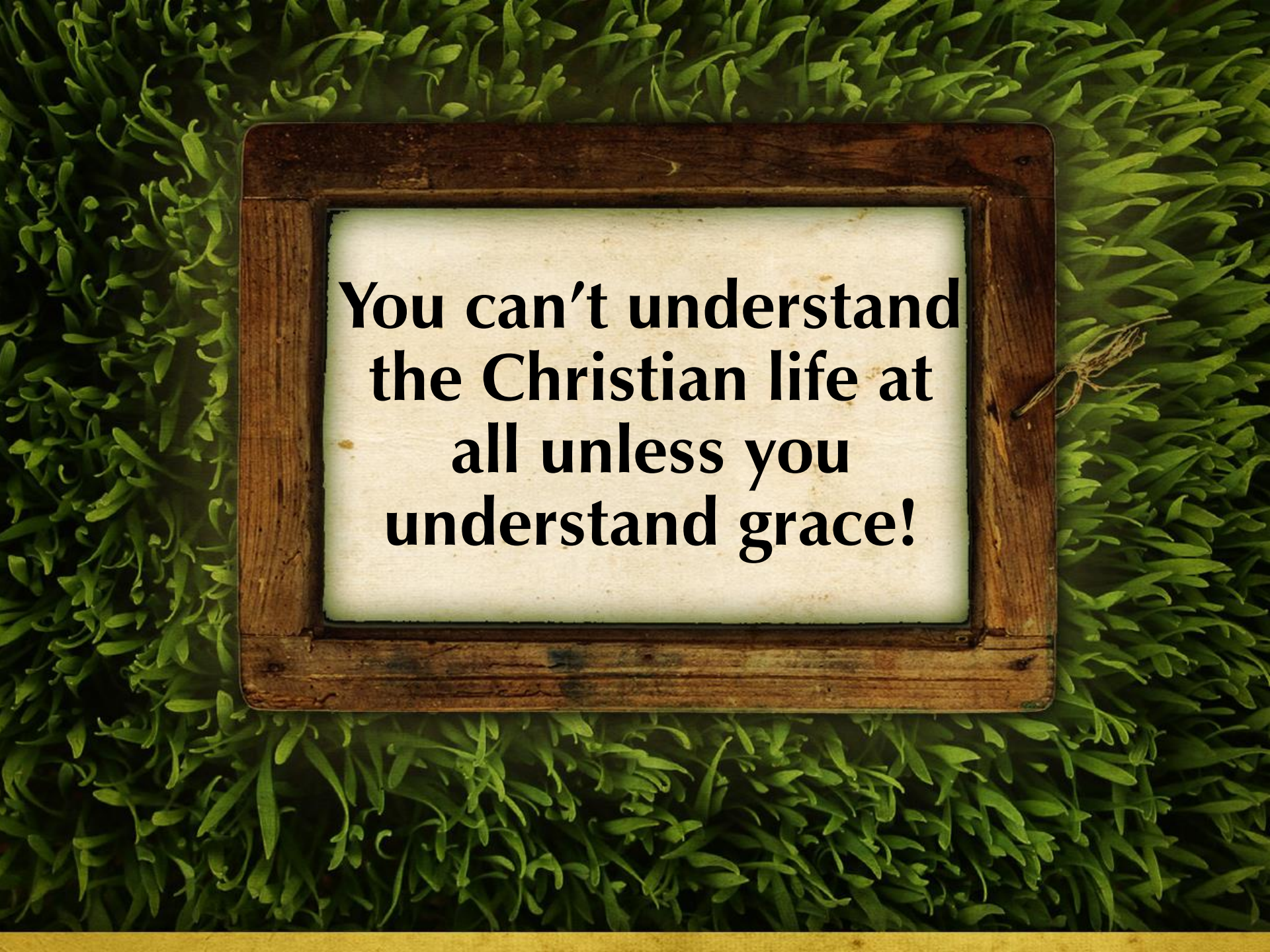


Part 1

# What is *Grace*

*John 1:14-18*



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**You can't understand  
the Christian life at  
all unless you  
understand grace!**



**GOD'S  
RICHESS  
AT  
CHRIST'S  
EXPENSE**

# grace

/grās/

*noun* ... from the word ***charis***

1. to extend favor or kindness to one who doesn't deserve it and can never earn it
2. distinction between grace and mercy



1. Grace is part of the essential character of God.
2. Grace is fully demonstrated in the person and work of Jesus Christ
3. Grace can never be separated from a proper theology of sin.

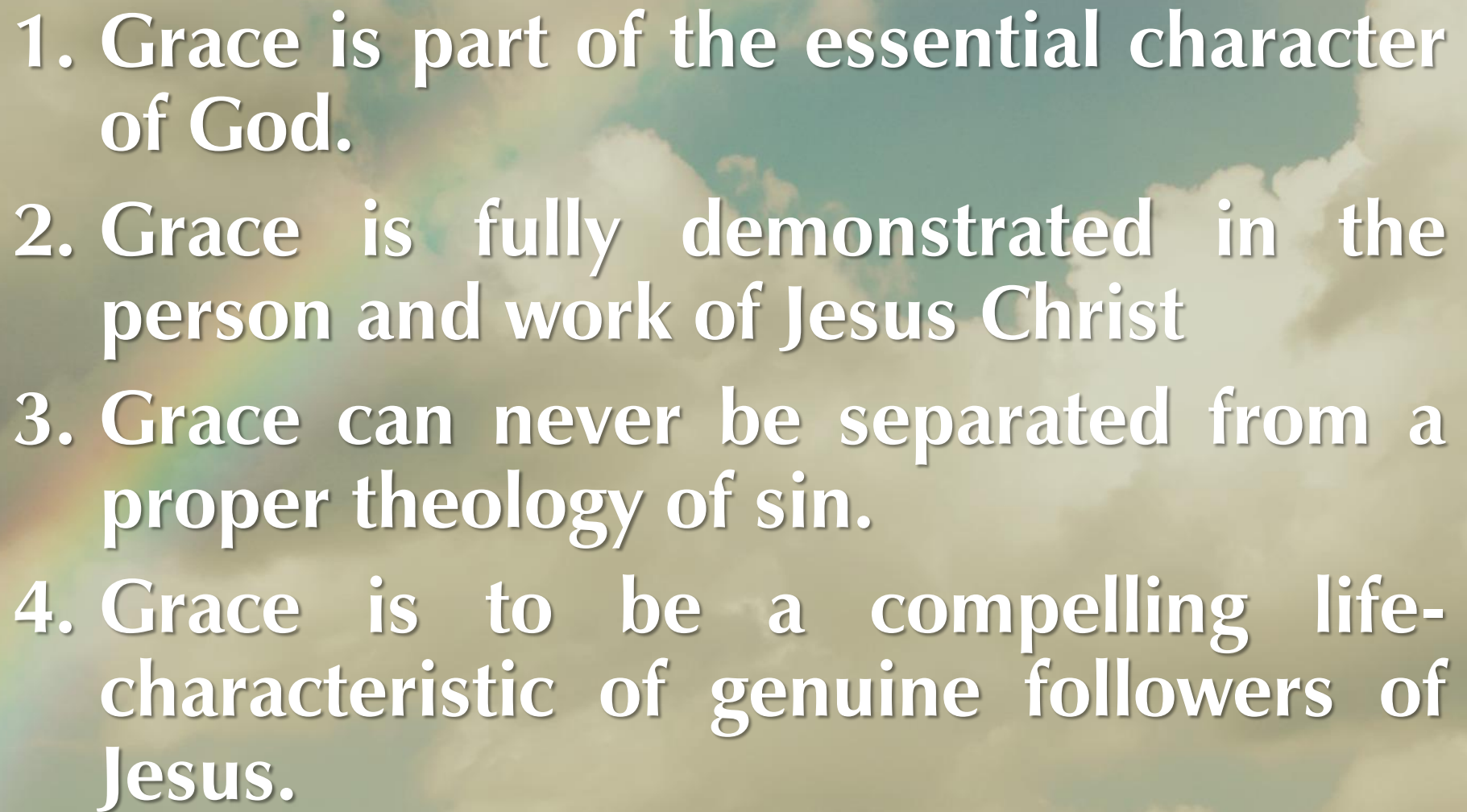
*We have to be aware of two dangers:*

- The danger of speaking of grace without first understanding sin
- The danger of speaking of sin without understanding grace

Grace without SIN   
*cheap grace*

Sin without GRACE   
*pervading guilt*



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  3. Grace can never be separated from a proper theology of sin.
  4. Grace is to be a compelling life-characteristic of genuine followers of Jesus.



Grace comes to us in two dimensions:

- Vertical — *centers on our relationship with God*
- Horizontal — *centers on our human relationships*

*The grace-given give grace!*