



Sermon Series: *Christmas: The Birth of Jesus*
Sermon Title: *Generations of Grace*
Scripture: *Matthew 1:1-17*
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INTRODUCTION

- 4 Scandalous Outcasts
- 3 Periods of Grace
- 2 Redeemed Sinners
- 1 Savior Sent to Rescue Us All

I. GENERATIONS OF GRACE

4 Scandalous Outcasts...

Note: Jesus, as the King of grace, loves and chooses the outcast, the _____!

TAMAR... (Matthew 1:3a; Genesis 38:7)

Note: God can use the destructive sin that He hates to accomplish the gracious plan that He _____.

RAHAB... (Matthew 1:5a; Joshua 6:25; Romans 5:8)

Note: We were all, like Rahab, headed straight for destruction until _____ intervened.

RUTH... (Matthew 1:5-6; Ruth 1:16-17; 4:18-22; Mark 10:45)

Note: Ruth's life reminds us that God is the ultimate _____, the ultimate Redeemer, the ultimate Savior.

BATHSHEBA... (Matthew 1:6;)

Note: God does not show grace to the deserving but to the unworthy, to those who deserve _____!

3 Periods of Grace...

Matthew 1:17 -

Period #1 - The Time of the _____ - from Abraham to David

Period #2 - The Time of the _____ - from David to the Exile in Babylon

Period #3 - The Time of _____ and Waiting - from Exile in Babylon to the Arrival of Messiah

Matthew 1:15-16 -

“Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.” (Romans 13:11-12)

2 Redeemed Sinners...

Matthew 1:1 -

Note: The best of us (even on our _____ days!) are desperately in need of God and His grace!

Genesis 12:3; 2 Samuel 7:12b-13 -

1 Savior Sent to Rescue Us All...

Note: Mankind's worst sin, treachery, and rebellion have completely _____ to stop the grace of God!

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. Why is it surprising to see Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and Bathsheba included in this genealogy? What lessons do we learn from the lives of these women?
2. What are the three different periods of time that Matthew describes in Matthew 1:17? How would you describe these time periods? How was God's grace evident and active during them?
3. How have you seen God's grace active in your own life and in the lives of those around you?
4. Why does Matthew begin in verse 1 by referring to David and Abraham? How are David's and Abraham's lives testimonies to the grace of God?
5. How can/should studying a genealogy like this increase our joy in and worship for God?