

Sermon Notes Page  
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The Grace of Les Misérables Week #3 – Is Grace Ever Just?  
March 3, 2024  
Matthew 5:38-39

1. Week #1 – The Grace of Les Misérables – Luke 6:32-36
  - a. A story, set in 19<sup>th</sup> Century France, that can help us understand God’s Grace
  - b. Main Themes of Les Mis that we will explore: Grace, Justice, Poverty, and Love.
  - c. Main Characters: Jean Valjean, Javert, Fantine, Cossett, Marius.
2. Week #2 – Grace – the undeserved, unmerited, and loving action of God in human existence through the ever-present Holy Spirit.
  - a. The Wesleyan Way of Salvation
    - i. Prevenient Grace – The grace that goes before.
    - ii. Justifying Grace – The grace that connects us with God.
    - iii. Sanctifying Grace – The grace that moves us forward.
3. The Justice of Javert
  - a. Legalistic
  - b. Absolute.
4. What is justice? The balance of judgement and grace.
  - a. Psalm 30:5
  - b. We need Justice – Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy
5. The Cost of Discipleship – Deitrich Bonhoeffer
  - a. Cheap grace vs. Costly Grace.
  - b. “Only one thing is required in each case – to rely on Christ’s word, and cling to it as offering greater security than all the other securities in the world.”
6. John Wesley
  - a. 1741 – *Almost a Christian* – Acts 26:28
  - b. An almost Christian is one who looks like a Christian but rejects grace.
7. Repentance
  - a. How we accept God’s grace.
  - b. Matthew 16:21-28 – the price must be paid for grace.
  - c. Repentance is an attitude adjustment that leads to transformation.