

## Look Who's Coming To Church

1 Timothy: Doing Church God's Way-part two  
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First Timothy 1:12-17

Before we talk about how to do church we need to pay attention to who's coming to church!

Two words define God's relationship with us and should define our relationship with anyone who comes to New Hope Community Church: *mercy and grace*.

*Mercy*-not getting what I deserve.

*Grace*-getting what I don't deserve.

Examples of people who experienced God's mercy and grace:

Peter

Rahab

Abraham

David

Woman at the well

Paul-Acts 8:1, 26:9-11

*"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* 1 John 1:9

He doesn't just forgive us, He purifies us.

Romans 8:1-2!

*So, what do I do with God's mercy and grace?*

1. Accept His mercy and grace and don't waste His gifts.
2. Be changed as a result of His gifts.  
1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Romans 14:7-8, Galatians 2:20
  - a. Love those Jesus loved
  - b. Realize that faithfulness proceeds usefulness  
2 Chronicles 16:9
  - c. Live a life of gratitude  
1 Timothy 1:12, 17

Next steps today:

- I will accept God's gifts of mercy and grace-I will not waste them.
- I will be transformed by His mercy and grace in order to be loving, useful and thankful.
- I want to join one of the classes on Wednesday nights
- I will be eating dinner at New Hope this Wednesday night

Next week we will study 1 Timothy 1:18-2:15. You might want to read ahead-it's going to be interesting!!!