

# Life on Life

## Women's Bible Study

*Learn the Word, Live the Word, And Love Each Other.*

Tuesdays @ 9:30 am • Education Center Youth Room A

### OCTOBER 2017 CALENDAR

**10/3/2017**

Facilitator Meeting

**10/6-10/7/2017**

GOG Retreat



**10/17/2017**

**Special Feature: Breast Cancer Support: Karen Wood-Middleton**



**10/24/2017**

Workshop

**Pastor Appreciation**

**Month:** We are so thankful for Senior Pastor, Dr. Tony Evans!



## GRACE.

It's a word tossed around in Christian circles a lot but what does it really mean and how should it influence how we live?

The Bible declares that we are saved through grace (Eph. 2:8) and that God's grace is sufficient (2 Cor. 12:9). Instead of law or rules being the ultimate governing standard (Rom. 6:14), grace, offered to us at no cost, can make us right with God

(Rom. 3:24).

But what is grace? Grace is unmerited favor. Unmerited is a word that implies something cannot be earned. Nothing has been done or can be done that deserves a reward. Favor is something good that is given or offered. Kindness or help given to another would be an example.

We can define grace as something good we receive that we do not deserve.

Grace is also a gift. God offered us His kindness because it wasn't possible for us to earn it. We couldn't. We all fall short of God's standard of perfection (Rom. 3:23). God is holy and demands the same from us. Since He knew that we couldn't be perfect 100% of the time because of the sin nature we all have, He extended a helping hand.

He offered the opportunity to everyone to accept Jesus' death and resurrection as the payment we couldn't earn even if we tried. It's a gift. But it's a gift we must receive and use. **(Cont'd on back)**

## APPLE STRUDEL MUFFIN

**PREP: 20 MIN COOK: 20 MIN SERVES: 12**



The unfortunate thing is that so many believers intellectually understand grace but have not fully embraced grace.

Embracing grace leads to a confident sense of identity. We no longer have to find worth and value in and of ourselves. We don't have to wonder how to discover or develop a healthy sense of who we are on our own. Walking in the grace God offers gives us the opportunity to steward our lives well because of the knowledge of how much value we hold in the eye of a God who sacrificed much so we could fellowship with Him. We have worth because He says we do.

Embracing grace results in a changed life. While we cannot earn grace by good works, we are saved by grace for good works. Titus 2:11-12 tells us that grace should lead us to back away from ungodly choices and passions. We should live with more self-control and, out of gratitude, seek to please God by living in a way that shows we belong to Him. Embracing grace means that we act as if we believe what God thinks about us is true — even if we aren't sure we feel it's true, we don't let our feelings dictate what we do. And embracing grace means that we extend the grace that we've received to others. We give the gift of unearned kindness to the people that cross our path.

Do you understand what grace is? May I encourage you today to embrace grace fully. Believe that God's gift to you is more than just something to be thankful for but a gift to receive and use.

**Chrystal Hurst**

### Ingredients

2 cups all-purpose flour  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup butter  
1 cup white sugar  
1 1/4 teaspoons vanilla  
1 1/2 cups chopped apples  
1/3 cup packed brown sugar  
1 tablespoon all-purpose flour  
1/8 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
1 tablespoon butter

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 12 cup muffin pan.
2. In a medium bowl, mix flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt.
3. In a large bowl, beat together butter, sugar and eggs until smooth. Mix in vanilla. Stir in apples, and gradually blend in the flour mixture. Spoon the mixture into the prepared muffin pan.
4. In a small bowl, mix brown sugar, flour and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture is like coarse crumbs. Sprinkle over tops of mixture in muffin pan.
5. Bake 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean. Allow to sit 5 minutes before removing muffins from pan. Cool on a wire rack.