

# Your Invitation To Worship



## Unexpected Grace

There is a great article that illustrates the concept of grace written by Charles Stanley.

One of my more memorable seminary professors had a practical way of illustrating to his students the concept of grace. At the end of his evangelism course he would distribute the exam with the caution to read it all the way through before beginning to answer it. This caution was written on the exam as well. As we read the test, it became unquestionably clear to each of us that we had not studied nearly enough.

The further we read, the worse it became. About halfway through, audible groans could be heard through out the lecture hall. On the last page, however, was a note that read, "You have a choice. You can either complete the exam as given or sign your name at the bottom and in so doing receive an A for this assignment."

"Wow?" We sat there stunned. "Was he serious? Just sign it and get an A?" Slowly, the point dawned on us, and

one by one we turned in our tests and silently filed out of the room.

When I talked with the professor about it afterward, he shared some of the reactions he had received through the years. Some students began to take the exam without reading it all the way through, and they would sweat it out for the entire two hours of class time before reaching the last page.

Others read the first two pages, became angry, turned the test in blank, and stormed out of the room without signing it. They never realized what was available, and as a result, they lost out totally.

One fellow, however, read the entire test, including the note at the end, but decided to take the exam anyway. He did not want any gifts; he wanted to earn his grade. And he did. He made a C+, but he could easily have had an A.

This story illustrates many people's reaction to God's solution to sin. Some people look at God's standard--moral

and ethical perfection--and throw their hands up in surrender. "Why even try?" they tell themselves. "I could never live up to all that stuff!"


Others are like the student who read the test through and was aware of the professor's offer but took the test anyway. Unwilling to simply receive God's gift of forgiveness, they set about to rack up enough points with God to earn it.

But God's grace truly is like the professor's offer. It may seem unbelievable, but if we accept it, then,

like the stunned students who accepted the professor's offer, we, too, will discover that, Yes, God's grace truly is free. All we have to do is accept it.

To learn more about God's amazing grace, visit a local house of worship this week. Service times and locations are published for you in the Religious Directory below.

Submitted by Rev. Dan Rogge, Pastor of Milton's New Life Church



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RECTOR: Rev Canon Charles Masters

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8:00 am Said Service of Holy Communion  
9:30 am Morning Prayer  
Nursery and Junior Sunday School  
7051 Guelph Line at Derry Road  
(Tel) 905-878-1363  
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## NEW LIFE

824 THOMPSON RD. S., MILTON

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dan Rogge  
Children: Natalie Rogge  
Assistant/Worship Office: Esther Kessler, Maureen Scott

9 a.m. - Early Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for All Ages  
10:45 a.m. - Second Worship Service

### Astronomical Grace



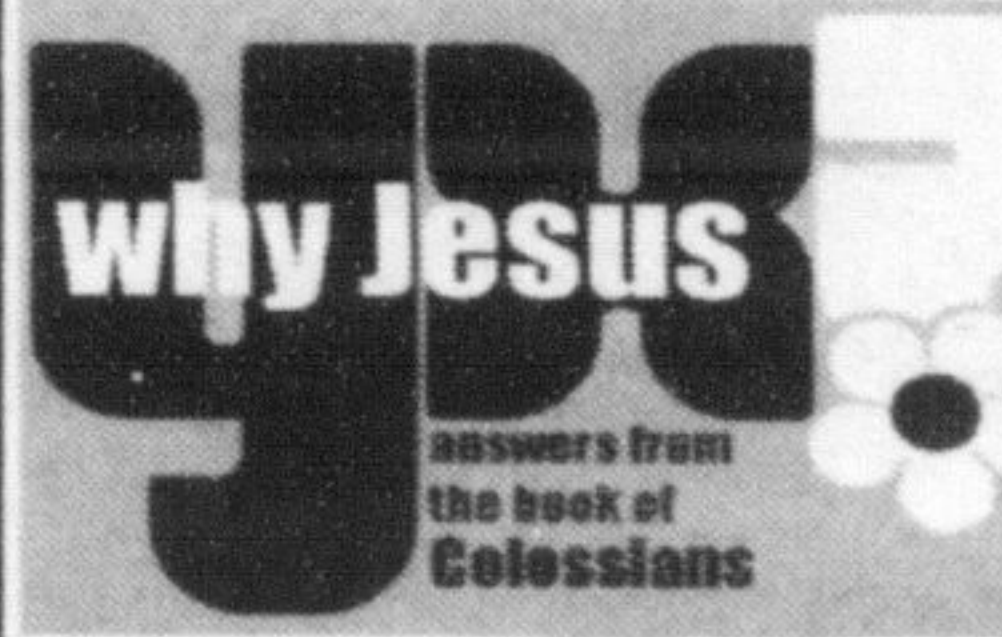
**HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD! PART 2**

6:30 p.m. - Evening Praise & Worship  
No evening service tonight

**Go Wild! KIDS' PRAISE CHOIR TO AFRICAN LIONS' SAFARI**  
Wednesday, August 16th

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[www.newlife-milton.org](http://www.newlife-milton.org)


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**MILTON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**

Invites you to our weekly Sabbath services at  
**Hugh Foster Hall, 43 Brown St. Milton**  
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - Sabbath School  
Sat. 11:00 a.m. - Divine Service  
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PASTOR: AJ DaCosta 519-835-8301

For more information about our service and program, please call.



**Milton Baptist Church**  
900 Nipissing Rd.  
(905) 875-1626

Pastor Gord Rutledge  
Sunday Service starts at 10:00 am  
July to Labour Day!  
**Everyone Welcome!**

PASTOR GORD RUTLEDGE

**GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
Clergy: 317 Main St. E  
Rev. Dr. Mark McDermott the Church on the Hill 905-878-2411  
Rev. Dr. Renée Desjardins  
Father Mark Curtis

**Sunday Services**

8:00 am - Said Eucharist  
10:00 am - Sung Eucharist including "Kids' Spirit" Program followed by coffee hour  
10:00 am - Said Eucharist

Wheelchair Access through Parking Lot  
[www.gracechurchmilton.com](http://www.gracechurchmilton.com)

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1412 Britannia Rd. West, Milton, On L9T 2X8  
905-875-2939

**Sunday School Classes 10:00 am**  
**Worship & Communion 11:00 am**  
**Thursday Bible Study 7:00 pm**

Minister Steve Corbett



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**Summer Sundays at MBC**  
10:00 AM Worship Celebration  
Children's Programs running Concurrently  
11:00 am Coffee & Conversations  
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**905-876-3586**

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**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH**  
123 Main St. E., Milton

**ONE CONGREGATION - 2 GREAT SUNDAY WORSHIP STYLES!**  
Sunday, Aug. 6, 9:30 am **SUMMER WORSHIP**  
Supported by music from our Summer Choir  
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**Sunday, Aug. 6, 9:30 am**  
Celebration of Rev. Gerry's Ministry at St. Paul's

Rev. John Benham & Rev. Gerry Hofstetter  
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[www.stpaulsmilton.org](http://www.stpaulsmilton.org)


**GRACEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

103 Martin Street  
905-878-1629  
Pastor Walter H. Isaak

10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. - Evening Service

**Thursday 7:00 p.m. Bible Study & Prayer**

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**Southside Community Church**  
905-878-5664  
Located on Derry Rd., between the Sports Centre and the Hospital

**Pastor Jack Ninaber**

Connections Café (in the foyer) 10:00 a.m.  
**Sunday Worship Service 10:30 a.m.**

Continuing our series in Hebrews  
**"Living with Christ Like Confidence"**  
Week 5 - You Can't Fly Backwards

[www.southsidemilton.org](http://www.southsidemilton.org)

**KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU**  
170 Main St. E., Milton 905-878-6066

Interim Moderator - Rev. Harry Klassen  
Supply Minister - Rev. Nader Awad  
Director of Music Ministries - Sonja van de Hoef

**Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.**  
Children's Summer Worship (Ages 3-8) 10:30 a.m. & Nursery

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Wheelchair access and washrooms provided so that all may come and worship. Access off Mary Street.

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10:00 a.m. - The Lord's Supper  
11:45 a.m. - Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. - Gospel Service  
Wednesday 7:30p.m. - Prayer and Bible Study

**For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.**

- John 3.17