



GLITTER & GRACE

A GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS MINISTRY

"With a little glitter and a lot of grace, we're spreading God's love all over the place."

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It's Not about the Luck

Have you ever looked at someone else's life and just thought, "Man! They are lucky!" Some people just seem to have the best of luck. They have the best looks, the best car, the best parents that give them anything they want, the best everything! It's just not fair!

It's easy to get hung up on what you don't have when you are constantly looking at what everyone else does have!

Be thankful, be grateful, and be gracious every day!



God gave you this day for a reason, He created you for a purpose, so be thankful and live out your life for the One who loves you the most, Jesus Christ!



Here's your History Lesson for the Month.

The month of March is known for Saint Patrick's Day. A "holiday" where everyone wears green clothes, mean people run around pinching everyone, and most restaurants start advertising their "luck of the Irish" green specials.

Even McDonalds is offering Shamrock Coffee with a speck of luck. Green coffee? I think I'll pass on that one.

So what is this holiday all about anyway?

Does anyone really know?



Well here's the deal. St Patrick's Day is celebrated annually on March 17th, the traditional religious feast day of St. Patrick and the day he is believed to have died in 460 A.D.

St. Patrick was the beloved patron saint of Ireland. The Irish are famous for spinning exaggerated tales, so despite the infamous stories traditionally attributed to St Patrick, quite little is actually known about his life. Everyone has their own story, but this is what we do know. We do know that St Patrick was born in Britain and that at the age of 16 was captured by Irish raiders who attacked his family's estate. He was then transported to Ireland where he was held captive for six years, living a solitary, lonely life as a shepherd. It was then that he became a devout Christian, embracing his religion. From his writing, we know that a voice, which he believed to be that of God, spoke to him in a dream, urging him to leave Ireland. He did. Walking nearly 200 miles, Patrick escaped to Britain and undertook seriously religious training.

After 15 years of study, Patrick was ordained as a priest and sent to Ireland. His mission was to minister to Christians and to convert the Irish, then pre-dominantly pagans, to Christianity.

Now, what that has to do with leprechauns, pots of gold, and green clovers...I have no idea. But the once story about a Saint has now been watered down, covered up, and turned into a whole new day that celebrates the color green...and pinching.



Today, St Patrick's Day celebrations abound every March. Over time, the celebrations have become less religious than they once were. What started as a religious feast recognizing a Saint that spread Christianity has now turned into a more secular "holiday" for drinking, parties, and green everything. It's crazy how some holidays we celebrate have nothing to do with the actual meaning of the holiday itself.



It's been said that we are in a declining era for Christianity in the United States. Although there are churches on every corner of the South, there are still people worldwide that have never heard the Gospel. Could this be true? Are we failing at our job to spread the good news?

Worldwide, the crisis need for the Gospel is everywhere. We have the good news, we just have to share it!

What I'm trying to get across to you is that the Gospel may seem like a story you've heard a million times, but over 3 million people worldwide have still yet to hear it so it's time we (as followers of Jesus Christ) get out of our Christian bubbles and share like we've never shared before!

This St. Patrick's Day forget about the explosion of green and the crazy pinching fest and focus on what matters most – sharing the Word of God with others!

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Don't know how to start a conversation about Christ?

Here's a simple way to use this "holiday" for Christ!

Step 1: Don't wear green. It always gets people talking.

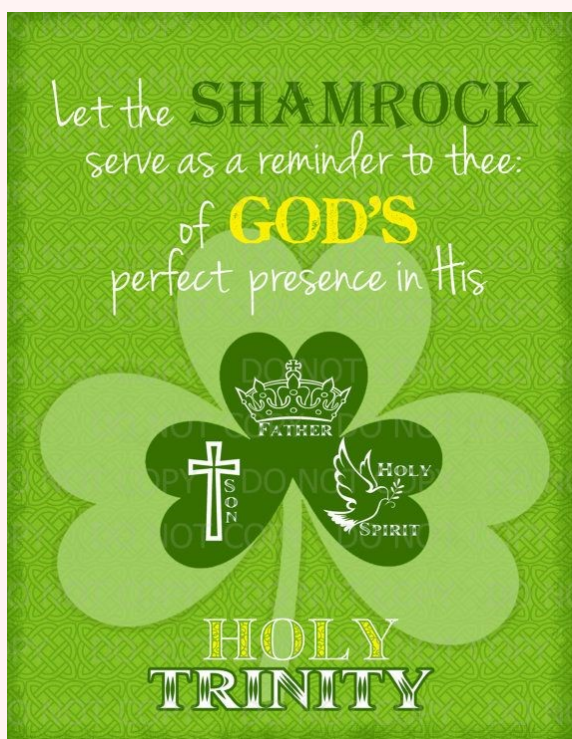
Step 2: When asked why you aren't wearing green, pull out a 3-leaf clover and ask them what they see.

Step 3: Use a 3 leaf Clover to explain the trinity. Just like the clover, the Trinity includes the Father, the Son, and The Holy Spirit.

Now take it a step further and tell them why you are not just "lucky" to know Jesus Christ, you are blessed!

Sharing the Gospel doesn't have to be complicated.

Pray that God will give you opportunities to share your Faith, spread His Word, and make disciples!





Speaking of blessings: I want you to know how blessed I am to be able to serve God by serving you through Glitter and Grace! Special thanks to all my ladies that have wrote in this month and shared their faith through blog, email, and devotion! Your words of encouragement to other teen girls are powerful! If you have a story to share, please send it my way and be a blessing to others!

Glitter and Grace Teen Ministry is always looking for talented young ladies to help contribute to the weekly devotions and newsletters. If you have a talent you would like to share with others, please contact me at KaylaRampey@yahoo.com.

I'm looking for young ladies that have heart for God and a passion for using their talents to spread the love of Christ. If you are a writer, write for Christ, share your story, or share a verse that means something to you. Share whatever God puts on your heart! I'm not looking for professionals just passionate ladies that love Jesus Christ and love sharing with others!

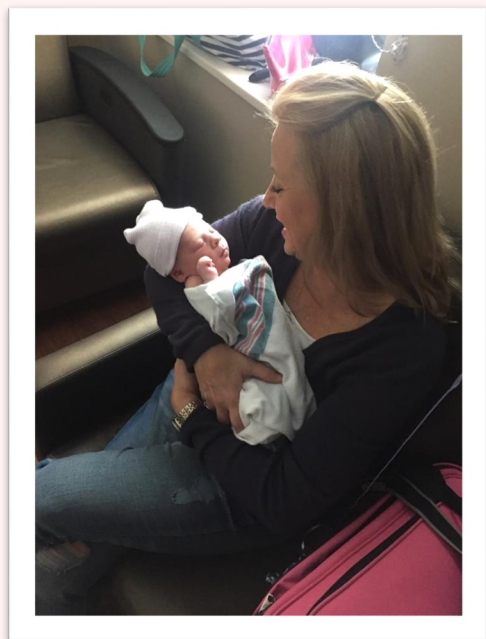
I look forward to hearing from you soon!

**Congratulations Marie on your
new grandbaby!**

Joshua Brody Kent

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**Such a precious
blessing!**



**Love and prayers for this sweet
baby boy and family!**

