

Title: Invitation to Grace

Text: *“and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”* Matthew 3:17

Target: The resurrection of Jesus is your resurrection story.

- I. **The Pursuit of God: BE*HOLD**
 - A. **Regards you: “a voice”**
 1. Desires a relationship with you.
 2. Desires to reveal Himself to you.
 - B. **Redirects you: “came from heaven”**
 1. Changes your Focus.
 2. Changes your Filter.

- II. **The Promise of God: BE*LOVED**
 - A. **Claims you: “you are my”**
 1. Personal Possession
 2. Personal Affiliation
 - B. **Cherishes you: “beloved”**
 1. Root word: agape
 2. Sentiment of Continuation.
 - C. **Calls you: “son”**
 1. Embraced by the Father.
 2. Not Embarrassed by the Father.

- III. **The Pleasure of God: BE*LIEVE**
 - A. **Affirms you: “I am”**
 1. Core Belief
 2. Convinced Belief
 - B. **Accepts you: “well pleased”**
 1. Not about Works.
 2. All about Relationship.

Take Away: Jesus is “well pleasing” to the Father not because of what He did, but because of who He is.