

The Wonder of God's Grace

Life Group Discussion Questions – October 30, 2022

GRACE: God, who is holy and everlasting, freely grants favor to all human beings, who by nature and by choice are sinners and broken.

The Bible teaches us that God grants two types of Grace:
Common Grace & Saving Grace

What does God's **SAVING GRACE** look like?

God's Saving Grace **saves** us; **sustains** us; and **seals** us for heaven. Saving Grace is **Not** universally given

A. God's Saving Grace **SAVES** us

God's **PURPOSE** of obtaining worshippers cannot fail
John 6:37, 39, 10:27-28, 17:2

Humans are **POWERLESS** to instigate salvation
Romans 5:6, 8, 10; Ephesians 2:2, 5-9

God's **RIVER** of Grace is universally sufficient
Romans 3:23-24; 1 John 2:2

God **INITIATED** the process of salvation
1 John 4:10, 19

God's call to salvation is **IRRESISTIBLE**
Galatians 1:15; Acts 26:14; Ephesians 1:4

God requires an individual **VOLITIONAL** response
John 1:12, 3:16, 19, 36, Romans 10:9-10

B. God's Saving Grace **SUSTAINS** us

C. God's Saving Grace **SEALS** us

Romans 9:11-13 "...for though the twins were not yet born and had not done anything good or bad, so that God's purpose according to His choice would stand, not because of works but because of Him who calls, it was said to her, "THE OLDER WILL SERVE THE YOUNGER." Just as it is written, "JACOB I LOVED, BUT ESAU I HATED."

DISCOVER

1. What distinctions can you make between "common grace" and "saving grace"? If some are saved by God's grace and others are not, what truth(s) can we apply to those who are not redeemed?
2. Why is "saving grace" not universally offered to all? What is the purpose of God's saving grace?
3. Read Ephesians 2:8-10. Paraphrase v. 9. Why is this so important for the world to understand? What light does it give to John 3:16?

EXPLORE

1. No other part of creation struggles with God's design except human beings, His masterpiece. Why do you think that is?
2. When are we "sealed" in our eternal destinies? Can God's saving grace be lost after we are sealed? Is this true because of what we do or because of what God does? (see John 6:37, 39)
3. Read Romans 5:19-21. What was the purpose of the Mosaic Law? How does this affect God's grace? Is it possible to "out-sin God's grace?" Explain.
4. Read Romans 8:29-30. What can you say about God's grace achieving both His purpose for now and forevermore our redemption? What should our response be to His irresistible grace?

EXPERIENCE

1. What can you say about God, knowing that He was the initiator of the process of your salvation? How is your "confidence meter" working with this knowledge? If you truly understand and believe that you are incapable of saving yourself, how should your life be different than it is?
2. During the spring snowmelt, rivers run deep and are relentlessly powerful. This is an attempt at a metaphor for God's unquantifiable and universally adequate grace. As a believer, can you say with conviction that you are a person of grace? Does the river of God's grace flow through you?
3. Does grace only flow to you and not through you? Is there someone in your life that needs to hear of God's saving grace? Who do you need to forgive? (see Matthew 5:24)

PRAY

Pray... Heavenly Father, You chose me when I was unlovable. You initiated and sealed my eternity to be with You forevermore. This is an unsearchable and divinely mysterious truth. Through Jesus You have extended Your saving grace. Therefore, I am compelled to say that Your grace is sufficient for me. In my weaknesses, Lord, make Your grace to manifest in me even more, so that Your glory would be made evident through my life. I will praise You forever. Amen.

Action...ask God to show you someone who needs forgiveness. Discuss with your Life Group how you will initiate the reconciliation. Report back to your group the next time you meet.

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