

# The Wonder of God's Grace

Description: God, who is holy and everlasting (Psalm 90:2, 93:2), 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 **COMMON GRACE** look like?

Description: Universal blessing and favor from the hand of God which all people freely enjoy, but does not require salvation.

## • His universal favor of **PROTECTION**

God created **STRUCTURES** within society  
Matt. 7:9-10; Rom. 13:1-7; Hebrews 12:4-11

God restrains **MAXIMUM** human depravity  
Acts 17:25-28; 2 Thess. 2:6-7

God holds back His justified **WRATH** Romans 2:4, 9:22  
Nationally, generationally, and **PERSONALLY**

## • His universal favor of **PERSONAL MORALS**

Romans 2:14-15

The Human **Moral Compass** - '*do instinctively the things of the Law*'

Innately knowing **RIGHT** from **WRONG**, truth and falsehood

Innately sense **JUSTICE** from **INJUSTICE**

Innately believe in human **ACCOUNTABILITY**

The Human **Conscience** - '*their conscience bearing witness*'

The Human **Ethics** - '*thoughts alternately accusing or else defending*'

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## Life Group Discussion Questions – October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022

*Read Psalm 145:9; Who is the LORD good to? Where does He spread His mercy? What does this verse reveal about God's nature?*

### DISCOVER

1. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: God loves all people! Period. End of Sentence. Regardless if they return His love. Even if they hate Him, He still loves them.
2. If you think of all the people in the world today who **do not** claim to know or love God, who would it be easy for Him to love; why? Who would be the hardest for Him to love?

### EXPLORE

1. What stood out to you from Pastor Phil's Sunday message?
2. Read Matthew 7:9-10 and Romans 13:1-7. What human structures did God put in place to provide security and protection for human life?
3. Why do all human cultures have structures like these?
4. Read Romans 2:14-15. Every person is hardwired with a moral compass, a conscience, and a code of ethics. Every culture has morals and ethics (even though they may be different than ours). Where do these come from and why are they important?
5. What do all of these questions (1-4) reveal about God's common favor and grace?

### EXPERIENCE

1. Because God shows His grace to all people, how is that an invitation to come to Him?
2. In what area or areas of life is it more difficult to show grace to people?
3. Because God shows common grace and favor to all people, how should I be treating people inside the faith and outside the faith? How are you doing in this?

### PRAY

*Pray...Our God and Father, it's true that You show grace and favor to all human beings, regardless of their response to You. You desire them to respond to Your favor by accepting Jesus. Help me to show your grace to all people so they can see You in me. Show me how to practice this in real life this week. AMEN*

**ACTION...** Create a written list of 3-5 people you know that need Jesus. Now write down ways you can show God's grace and love to them. When God gives you the opportunity to do so, DO IT!