

Why Grace?

Extravagant Grace – Part 1

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Romans 11:6 (ESV) But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

1 John 3:6 (ESV) No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.

1. The _____ is insufficient

Galatians 5:1 (ESV) For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

1A. _____ can be misplaced

Galatians 5:4 (ESV) You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

1B. Faith in Christ _____ saves

Galatians 5:5-6 (ESV) For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love.

2. God's _____ is sufficient

John 1:14 (ESV) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

2A. _____ revealed God's grace

John 1:16-17 (ESV) For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

2B. Jesus brings spiritual _____

Ephesians 1:3 (ESV) Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

Ephesians 1:7-8 (ESV) In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

3. Grace is received by _____

Romans 5:1 (ESV) Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

3A. Grace gives us _____ to God

Romans 5:2 (ESV) Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3B. Grace seats us in the _____

Ephesians 2:5-6 (ESV) even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

3C. Grace is God's _____

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer
 - Mon
 - Tue
 - Wed
 - Thu
 - Fri
 - Sat
 - Sun
- Invite a friend to the service next Sunday.
- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. How would you define grace?

1E. Why is legalism (adherence to a set of commands to obtain salvation) so damaging to the church?

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2A. How was Jesus full of grace and truth (John 1:14)?

Intro. What is wrong with the hyper-grace teaching that future sins are already forgiven, so it does not matter if a believer sins (1 John 3:6)?

2B. How was grace foreshadowed in the Law and revealed in Christ (John 1:16-17)?

1A. In what ways is seeking to be saved by keeping the law bondage (Galatians 5:1)?

2C. What spiritual blessings does grace bring into our lives (Ephesians 1:3, 7-8)?

1B. What happens to a person who seeks to be justified by works (Galatians 5:4)?

2D. How do we receive all the spiritual blessings that grace offers?

1C. How do churches today elevate certain traditions or practices to the level of being mandatory to Christian faith?

3A. How do we make use of the benefit of access to God through grace (Romans 5:1-2)?

1D. Why is faith in Christ alone the only requirement for salvation (Galatians 5:5-6)?

3B. What does it mean that we are now seated in heavenly places through grace (Ephesians 2:5-6)?

3C. Do we ever reach a point where we deserve God's blessings (Ephesians 2:8-9)?

3D. How should we talk to many who believe that they are saved through good works?