The Grace of God

Lesson for Sunday, July 13, 2025

INTRODUCTION:

* What’s one thing you have that you just cannot live without? Have some fun with this discussion…
* When we have a biblical understanding of who we really are we will recognize that we all need the grace of God. In fact, we cannot live without it.

BIBLE STUDY:

1. The Grace of God
   1. How would you define grace? Most often we hear that grace is God’s unmerited favor, freely given to undeserving people.
   2. Tozer defines grace as the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving.
   3. Last week we looked at God’s mercy and said that we are recipients of His mercy when He withholds what we deserve.
   4. Grace is similar in its meaning. Grace is when God gives us something (as opposed to withholding) that we do not deserve.
2. The Need for God’s Grace
   1. Why do we need God’s grace? Look up the following verses as a class to see why we are in such great need.
   2. Ephesians 2:1-3. Without God’s grace we are hopelessly separated from God and spiritually dead in our sin.
   3. Romans 5:10a. We are actually hostile to God and considered His enemy.
   4. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. We are blinded by Satan and held captive by him to do his will (2 Timothy 2:24-26).
   5. John 8:34. We are powerless to overcome sin’s hold on our lives.
   6. 1 Corinthians 2:14. We are unable to understand the things of God.
   7. Romans 3:9-12. We are unable to please God or to walk in His way.
   8. John 15:4-6. We are incapable of living a spiritually fruitful and meaningful life.
   9. Not a pretty picture, is it? Without God’s grace, we are without hope.
3. The Channel of God’s Grace
   1. God’s grace and mercy must be balanced with His holiness and justice. God cannot simply excuse our sinfulness – He must remain just in all His ways.
   2. The channel through which God’s grace flows out to men is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. If you have experienced the grace of God, it is because of Jesus.
   3. See Romans 5:15.
      1. Notice that grace is a gift (undeserved).
      2. Notice that the gift of grace came from one – Jesus Christ.
      3. Notice that the gift of grace has “abounded unto many” – it is available for all.
   4. Jesus, in His death, satisfied God’s holiness and justice, and makes God’s grace available to anyone who would receive it.
4. The Nature of God’s Grace
   1. Grace is God’s initiative: We are helpless without the Lord. It is God Who took the initiative to make grace a reality (John 1:14-16; Titus 2:11).
   2. God’s grace is unearned: We cannot work for it or deserve it (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-9).
   3. God’s grace is abundant and overflowing: “Grace upon grace” is given to us through Christ (John 1:16).
   4. God’s grace is available to all: Read Titus 2:11 and pay attention to “all.”
   5. No sin is beyond God’s grace: Where sin increased, grace increased all the more (Romans 5:20).
   6. God’s grace is the foundation for forgiveness, redemption, and new life (Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:14).
   7. Do you understand why we so often sing, “Amazing Grace”?
5. The Effects of God’s Grace
   1. God’s grace saves: It brings us from death to life (Ephesians 2:4-5).
   2. God’s grace transforms: It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and empowers us to live upright, godly lives (Titus 2:12).
   3. God’s grace sustains: God’s grace is sufficient for every need and empowers us for service and generosity (2 Corinthians 9:8).

APPLICATION: Our response to God’s grace…

* Receive it: Come to Christ in repentance and faith, recognizing we bring nothing but open hands.
* Give thanks: Let gratitude for grace fuel our worship and obedience (2 Corinthians 9:15).
* Live it out: Be zealous for good works, living as God’s special people, set apart and eager to do good (Titus 2:14).
* Share it: Extend grace to others, just as God has shown grace to us.

CLOSING THOUGHT:

* Read 2 Corinthians 9:14-15
* “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”