

Saving Grace

Ephesians 2:8-9

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Welcome back and here we go!

Tonight is Part 2 of our series on *Grace*:

- a. *Common Grace*
- b. *Saving Grace*
- c. *Living Grace*
- d. *Showing Grace / Being Gracious*

1) Everyone _____ *common grace* from God.

Last week I spoke on the fact that God treats and loves everyone equally. And I encouraged you to be *gracious*.

Common Grace is the *grace* God freely has for everyone. **Matthew 5:43-48**

2) *Grace* is a _____.

Continue to be kind in your mind. If you are not ----- if it's all negative, hateful, angry thoughts ----- you are in a bad place.

1 Peter 2:1-3 'Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.'

This leads us to *Saving Grace*. Tonight, we touch on a broad subject of Salvation Doctrines ----- meaning all that God does for us at the moment of Salvation!

Once you have tasted *Grace* you should go on to *Live With Grace*. That's next week!

3) At Salvation we receive _____ & _____ blessings.

So, what are all these things? We can start with

Ephesians 1:2-9 'Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight He made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His kind intention which He purposed in Him'

In just a few short verses we hear that we are recipients of -----

grace, peace, spiritual blessing, that we are chosen, without blame, adopted, accepted, redeemed and forgiven, given access to God’s wisdom and knowledge of His will!

Wow!

How do we receive all this stuff?

Romans 10:9-13 *‘that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; for “Whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved.” ’*

4) Call on _____ name and you will be _____!

Tonight - during communion, you will have that opportunity!

As we close in on Easter, we remember what Jesus has done for us.....

Romans 3:21-26 *‘But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ’*

Faith --- putting faith in the resurrected Lord!

If you’ve done this, there are more benefits.

Salvation Doctrines --- (Grace Notes¹ - available - if you would like a copy, please ask).

These are Day One Doctrines!

Put your trust in Christ today!

=====Communion=====

Closing Remarks.

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