

THE DIVINE GIFT OF GRACE

A stylized, light blue graphic of a plant with two stems and several leaves, positioned in the lower half of the slide. The stems curve upwards and outwards, with leaves of varying sizes and shapes attached. The entire graphic is rendered in a uniform light blue color against the darker blue background.

School of Discipleship: New Birth



Text to
memorize

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9



A hand is shown in silhouette, reaching upwards towards a bright sun in a cloudy sky. The sun is positioned in the upper left quadrant, creating a strong lens flare effect. The hand is positioned in the lower right quadrant, with fingers spread. The background is a warm, golden-brown color with soft, wispy clouds.

INTRODUCTION

- Grace is a central doctrine in Christianity.
- Salvation arises from the goodness of God, not from our own merits.
- Understanding grace brings clarity to the wonder of salvation.



- Grace is God's free and unmerited favor toward us.
- Despite provoking God's wrath with our actions, He views humanity favorably.
- God's choice to offer salvation despite our behavior is Grace in action.

WHAT IS GRACE?



WHY CAN'T WE EARN OUR SALVATION?

- Our sinful nature has provoked God's righteous wrath, making it impossible for us to earn salvation through our actions (Romans 1:18).
- The sins of humanity have severed our relationship with God, placing us in a hostile position and making us enemies of God (Ephesians 2:1–3; Romans 5:1,10; 3:23).
- Our works are useless in saving us, leading us to depend on God's grace and salvation through Christ's sacrifice on the cross (Ephesians 2:8; Romans 5:8).

GRACE IS A GIFT FROM GOD

Grace is a gift from God, given freely to those who believe in Jesus.

Salvation is not earned by works but is received by faith in Christ.

God's grace eliminates any basis for human boasting in salvation, highlighting His sovereignty in saving us.

WHO RECEIVES THIS GRACE THAT GOD OFFERS?

- Grace is offered to all but those who believe in Jesus Christ receive it.
- Salvation by grace requires a personal response of faith and obedience to the Gospel.
- Accepting the gift of grace involves believing in Jesus, being baptized for forgiveness, and living in obedience to God's commandments.



THE SINS OF DAVID AND THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD

- David committed grave sins of adultery and murder.
- God confronted David through the prophet Nathan.
- David's sincere confession and repentance led to God's immediate and complete forgiveness, highlighting the power of grace.

GRACE IS A SOVEREIGN CHOICE

Grace is a sovereign choice of God, extending mercy despite the unworthiness of humanity.

The contrast with the fallen angels, who received judgment without mercy, highlights God's decision to offer redemption to humans.

God's grace is exemplified in his sovereign choice to save humanity after Adam's sin, emphasizing his extraordinary actions in offering redemption rather than condemnation.

HOW DOES GRACE WORK IN THE LIFE OF THE BELIEVER?

Grace frees believers from the condemnation of sin.

It allows believers to come to God as they are, without needing to be perfect or meet specific standards for salvation.

Grace teaches believers to confess their sins, turn from them, and find God's favor in times of need.

CONCLUSION



The Christian life centers on gratitude for God's grace.



Paul's transformation reflects the profound impact of God's grace.



Gratitude is a key virtue cultivated by God's grace in the Christian path.



HOMEWORK

What is Grace?

How does it
work in the life
of the believer?

Why is it
important?
