

Lesson 3: Grace

Lesson Focus

“Abounding Grace”

Base Scripture

Ephesians 1:1-10; Romans 5:1-11; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Corinthians 12:9

Aim

To show believers and unbelievers how studying the Word of God is the genesis of Making Disciples.

Memory Verse	<p><u>2 Corinthians 12:9</u> But he said to me, my Grace is sufficient for you, for “my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.</p>
	<p><u>Titus 2:11-14</u> For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.</p>

Goals: Student will learn:	During this week, discover how God’s grace becomes what we live under, because we sin and fall short of God’s glory daily and it’s by his grace we are saved.
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DAILY ACTIVITIES: For the Week

Introduction

"Amazing Grace" is not just a great song. It is one of the great themes of the Bible. We are saved by God's amazing grace. We are useful to God because of His amazing grace. We are to receive His grace with thanksgiving and with eagerness to let it change our lives. God's grace is more than simply something you don't deserve, although it certainly is that. It is broader, including the concept of un-merited favor. In our relationship with God, there is either merit for obedience or demerit for disobedience,

This contrast of what we were is being made to demonstrate the nature of God's grace. Our nature, our very core of who we were was in rebellion toward God. We deserved nothing, in fact, we deserved to be punished.

So, if you are walking in rebellion toward God and God answers your prayer for a better job, food on your table, etc., that is God acting graciously toward you. You didn't deserve it, you did nothing to cause God to act graciously toward you, in fact, you did the opposite of acting positively toward God and yet God was gracious toward you.

Wednesday Smothered on Us

1. Grace is "giving to someone who deserves nothing as though he or she deserves everything," and that's what happens to us in Jesus Christ. We deserve nothing, but in him we are given everything. In spite of our sin, we are treated as if we were like Christ himself. This means we are judged not on the basis of our performance, but on the basis of grace. Incredible!
2. The grace of God makes our salvation possible. The grace of God also makes our growth and development possible. His grace is the source of everything that is good in us. Turn and read **Ephesians 1:1-10**
 - ❖ Mark each reference to the word "grace."
 - ❖ How is grace described at each reference of grace in the passages 1-10?
 - ❖ How does being lavished in grace change your attitude toward life?

Thursday **Remain Standing in Grace**

1. Turn to **Romans 5:1-11**. Describe a time when you believe you had access by faith to this grace in which you are standing in.
2. In vs. 2 he says it is in "this grace which we now stand." Grace is a state in which you now stand and in which you will continue to stand as you continue in your faith. How does it give you security to know that you are standing (living) in a state of grace?
3. How do you reconcile your failures in life and your status in God's grace?

Friday **Unified with Christ**

1. Read **Romans 5:20-6:7**.
2. Write down what Romans 6 is saying happened to you in your baptism by the grace of God?
3. How does what happened (what God did) need to affect your attitude toward sin?
4. Explain why this statement is erroneous: "let's" continue in sin so grace can abound?

Saturday **Salvation for Good Works**

1. Read **Ephesians 2:1-10**
2. Look carefully at v. 10. What is the whole purpose of grace? If a person does little or nothing as a disciple because "I am saved by grace anyway," what are they missing?
3. Using John 1:14, explain how Christ is the manifestation of grace.

Sunday **Grace that Teaches**

1. Read **Titus 2:11-14**
2. This passage could be translated "the grace of God gives us an education." **What is the whole purpose of God giving us His grace?**
3. List 5 things that the grace of God empowers you to do.
4. List 5 things that the God's grace should not allow you to do.

Monday **The Times we Sin**

1. By today you have probably realized that you are not doing all for Jesus Christ that you determined to do almost three weeks ago. You want to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. But you have failed in some specific areas. What you will study today will be very important in dealing with this for the rest of your life.
2. Turn to **1 John 1:5-10**. Read it carefully.
3. Think of the difference in light and darkness. Think of the difference between a bright open room with lots of windows and a totally dark basement area. In one, things are out in the open. You can see them as they really are. In the other, things are hidden and covered by the darkness. With this in mind: what does he mean when he calls us to "walk in the light"? Do you see how these fits with vs. 9 and the call to confess our sins?
4. What is the negative repercussions of walking in darkness as a Christian?

Tuesday **Of No Effect**

1. Read **1 Corinthians 15:9-11**
2. In comparison to Paul's statement in v.9 what would be your statement?
3. **Explain v.10b in your own words.**
4. **Describe your life living in God's grace and not in vain**