

Grace

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Justice is getting what you deserve. Mercy is not getting what you deserve. Grace is getting what you don't even deserve. God's grace is a free gift of love and salvation made available to us through Jesus Christ.

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, this is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:4-10 (NIV)

Three Types of Grace:

1. Prevenient - Grace of God that goes before us. Available to everyone in the world. God pursues us throughout our lives, drawing us to himself to have a relationship with us.
2. Justifying - Grace of God that saves us, sometimes called Saving Grace. Made available to us through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
3. Sanctifying - Grace of God that transforms us because of the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

To live in grace is to give grace away. Grace is meant to be shared by telling others how God has worked in our lives and by the way we live our lives.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When has “mercy” or “grace” been extended to you, and was it by a friend or a stranger? How did that make you feel?
2. Of the three types of grace, is one easier to understand than another? Why?
3. How have you felt God reaching out to you? (Prevenient Grace)
4. If you have decided to follow Jesus, how has your life changed since making that decision? If you have not made the decision to follow Jesus, what is your Next Step?
5. Who can you show grace to this week by telling them how Jesus has changed your life?