

Getting Started

- Take a minute to summarize/define the five “Solos” of the Reformation.
 1. **Sola Scriptura:**
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Here’s an excellent summary video by R.C.Sproul of the key points of the Reformation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qd97uoZlqXI>

- We sang *Amazing Grace* twice on Sunday. Share what is so amazing to you about the grace of God.

Discussion

We teach that salvation is wholly of God by grace on the basis of the redemption of Jesus Christ, the merit of His shed blood, and not on the basis of human merit or works. (John 1:12; Eph 1:4-7; Eph 2:8-10; 1 Peter 1:18-19)

- *Grace* has been defined in an acrostic as **G**od’s **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist’s **E**xpense. Explain this truth?
- Pastor Lee taught through portions of Romans 4-6 this week. As you read these chapters, identify the references and teachings related to the grace of God.
- What can we learn from Abraham and David regarding the connection between grace and works (Rom 4)?
- How can we have access to God and stand in a right relationship with Him when “in Adam all are dead in sin” (Rom 5)?
- *“Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?”* (Rom 5:20-6:1)
How would you answer this question using Romans 6? What is the role of good works in the life of a Christian?

In Acts 20:24, Paul says that his only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Are you prepared to always give the reason for the hope that you have in Christ (1 Peter 3:15-18)? Using Ephesians 2:1-10, summarize the gospel of grace ...

- God’s Character:
- Our Problem/Condition:
- God’s Provision/Solution:
- Our Response:

Grace does not stop once we are saved; God is gracious to us for the rest of our lives, working in us, for us, and through us. The Bible encourages us with many additional benefits listed below that grace secures for every believer. (adapted from GotQuestions.org)

Share a few examples of how you have experienced not just God’s *amazing saving grace* but His *amazing sanctifying and sustaining grace* in one or more of these ways.

- Grace justifies us before a holy God. (Romans 3:24; Ephesians 1:6; Titus 3:7)
- Grace provides us access to God to communicate and fellowship with Him. (Ephesians 1:6; Hebrews 4:16)
- Grace wins for us a new relationship of intimacy with God. (Exodus 33:17)
- Grace disciplines and trains us to live in a way that honors God. (Titus 2:11–14; 2 Corinthians 8:7)
- Grace grants us immeasurable spiritual riches. (Proverbs 10:22; Ephesians 1:3-4, 2:7)
- Grace helps us in our every need. (Hebrews 4:16)
- Grace is the reason behind our every deliverance. (Psalm 44:3–8; Hebrews 4:16)
- Grace preserves, comforts, encourages, and strengthens us. (2 Corinthians 13:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16–17; 2 Timothy 2:1)
- As the recipients of God’s grace, Christians are to be gracious to others. Grace is given to us to serve others and to exercise our spiritual gifts for the building up of the church . (Romans 12:6; Ephesians 3:2, 7; 4:7; 1 Peter 4:10)

Prayer

As an application this week, make Romans 6:11-14 your prayer. Thank the Lord that by His grace through faith in Jesus Christ you died to sin and were made alive in Christ. In what areas of your life are you allowing sin to reign? Confess these to God and one another (James 5:16). What will it look like for you to live under God’s grace this week as you offer every part of yourself to Him as an instrument of righteousness?

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.