

An Amazing Grace

Series: The Good News About Grace

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Psalms 145:8 (NIV) The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

God loves to bless people who don't deserve it.

WHAT IS SAVING GRACE?

G = God's gift to me

Romans 3:24 (NCV) ...and all need to be made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift...through Jesus Christ.

Saving grace is absolutely free.

Christianity is the only religion that's built on grace.

R = Received by faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 4:16 (NCV) People receive God's promise by having faith. This happens so the promise can be a free gift...

The Bible says that God comes to us when we are broken and wounded and says, "I want you to be a part of my family."

A = Available to everyone

Romans 4:16 (ICB) ...the promise is not only for those people that live under the law of Moses. It is for anyone who lives with faith like Abraham.

Romans 10:13 (NIV) "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

C = Comes through Christ

John 1:17 (NCV) The law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:15 (NCV) ...many people received God's gift of life by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ.

Galatians 2:21 (NLT) [Don't treat] the grace of God as meaningless. For if we could be saved by

keeping the law, then there was no need for Christ to die.

If we could be saved by our own **goodness and merits**, then the cross was a **waste**.

E = **Extended through eternity**

Romans 6:23 (NLT) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Grace is the **gift that keeps on giving**.

CONCLUSION:

John 8:1-11

Isaiah 30:18 (NIV) Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you...

We invite you to look over the verses in your sermon notes this week and ask and answer the following three questions (you are encouraged to get a notebook to record your thoughts):

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean?
3. What does the verse mean to me personally?