

**Living in God's Amazing Grace**  
**Series: The Good News About Grace**  
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REVIEW: WHAT IS SAVING GRACE?

G= GOD'S GIFT TO ME (Romans 3:24)

R= RECEIVED BY FAITH (Ephesians 2:8-9)

A= AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE (Romans 10:13)

C= COMES THROUGH CHRIST (John 1:17)

E= EXTENDED THROUGH ETERNITY (Romans 6:23)

TODAY: MAKING SURE I'M LIVING IN GOD'S AMAZING GRACE.

THE BENEFITS OF GRACE IN OUR LIVES:

- Saved by grace

Ephesians 2:8 (NLT) God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

- Forgiven by grace

Isaiah 43:25 (NLT) "I—yes, I alone—am the one who blots out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again."

- Sustained by grace

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) For God is working in you, giving you the desire to obey him and the power to do what pleases him.

- Transformed by grace

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...

- Growing in grace

II Peter 3:18 (NLT) But grow in the special favor and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

KEY QUESTION: HOW DO I RECEIVE GOD'S GRACE?

We receive God's grace by inviting Jesus into our lives.

John 1:17 (NIV) For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Grace comes out of relationship.

Romans 5:11 (LB) Now we rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God—all because of what our Lord Jesus Christ has done in dying for our sins—making us friends of God.

HOW CAN I SHOW GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GRACE IN MY LIFE?

I can show gratitude by making my life count.

I Corinthians 6:20 (Mes) Don't you see that you can't live however you please, squandering what God paid such a high price for?...So let people see God in and through your body.

Because of grace we live with a sense of purpose.

I Peter 4:10 (NIV) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

I can show gratitude by sharing the good news of grace.

The Bible clearly tells us what is the most important thing in our lives.

Acts 20:24 (NCV) The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me—to tell people the Good News about God's grace.

II Peter 3:9 (LB) He [God] isn't really being slow about his promised return, even though it sometimes seems that way. But he is waiting, for the good reason that he is not willing that any should perish, and he is giving more time for sinners to repent.

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?