



## WEEK 3 - THE GRACE OF GOD OVERVIEW

One of the most profound aspects of the character of God is his profound love and grace for humanity. Why would God accept us even though we still fail him and sin?

- **Five-years-old:** We all do bad things from time to time. Sometimes we lie. Sometimes we steal. Sometimes we hurt other people. And it really disappoints our heavenly father when we do. That's called sin. But guess what! Like a good father he loves us despite our mistakes and washes our sins away because of his grace. No matter what we've done he invites us to get back up and stay in his presence. How amazing that he loves us even when we're still sinners! (Ephesians 2:4-7)
- **Fifteen-years-old:** It can be tempting to think that because we have been so freely offered the Grace of God that we can just sin without consequences now. But the Apostle Paul makes it clear that this is not the way Christ-followers are called to live. God's grace is not a license to sin; it is an invitation to surrender our lives to Him and seek holiness, something which would not be possible without his mercy. (Romans 6:12-17)
- **Fifty-years-old:** God's grace is not a one-time thing, limited merely to our pre-salvation plight. Quite the contrary! The grace of God is an ongoing reality in our lives which we are invited to pursue and seek out perpetually, especially when we are in times of need. Let us have confidence that Christ's sacrifice opened that door for us, and let us continue to grow in our understanding of the heights and depths of God's love for us. (Hebrews 4:16)

*But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead.  
(It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!)*

**Ephesians 2:4-5**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why would God accept us even though we still fail him and sin?
2. Read [Romans 8:34](#). Why is understanding what Christ did for us, and continues to do for us, so important?
3. In the Christian faith, we believe we are saved by faith through grace. God's grace is often defined as **undeserved favor**. Grace cannot be earned; it is something freely given. How willing are you to forgive others?
4. Read [Romans 6:12-17](#). What obstacles prevent people from accepting God's grace?
5. How has grace extended to you, impacted your ability to be gracious to others?
6. How can we model God's grace in our relationships?