

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, July 5, 2026



sermon: "The Blessings of Grace" Ephesians 2:8-10

Big Idea: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace in our time of need" (Heb. 4:16, ESV).

I. The Beauty of Grace (vv. 8-10)

- A. Grace (Charis) is arguably one of the most important doctrines in Scripture. It is vital that we understand Biblical grace as it is how God freely bestows upon us every spiritual blessing we enjoy in Christ (cf. Eph. 1:3), not because we deserve them, but because of God's great love for us (vv. 4-5).
- B. What grace is – Simply put, grace is God's unmerited favor for salvation and power for living (vv. 8-9). In this we see:
 1. Unmerited (cf. Rom. 3:23-24) – We have done nothing to earn or deserve it.
 2. Favor (cf. Eph. 1:6; Isa. 49:8; Num. 6:24-26) – God's favor is His "demonstrated delight" toward those in Christ.
- C. What grace is not – Frequently, grace is redefined to mean something it is not. It is important we spot these errors:
 1. Grace does not mean no effort (v. 10; cf. Tit. 2:11-14) – We have not been saved by good works, but we are saved unto good works. Do not mistake earning with effort.
 2. Grace is not a free pass (v. 10; cf. Rom. 6:1-2, 15) – We have been saved by grace from sin, not to sin. Our lives are to reflect God's saving grace through a transformed life that reflects a Christlike humility and obedience to God's Word.

II. The Blessings of Grace (vv. 8-10)

- A. God's grace is an attribute that has the power to truly transform lives. The blessings and benefits of God's grace are many and the most significant include:
 1. Grace is the foundation for salvation (vv. 8-9) – All of God's blessings and benefits flow from His grace.
 2. Grace sets us free from the power of sin (cf. Rom. 6:14) – When Christ is our Lord, sin no longer has mastery over us.
 3. Grace sustains us (cf. 2 Cor. 9:8, 12:9) – God's grace empowers us to live daily for God, even amid hardships.
 4. Grace glorifies God (cf. 2 Cor. 4:15).

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