SERMON NOTES

GRACE ALONE

Ephesians 2:1-10

BIG IDEA: The only hope a sinner has is found in the grace of God alone.

APPLICATION GUIDE

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DISCUSS

Can you think of a time when someone showed you unexpected kindness or gave you something you didn't deserve? How did you respond?

Transition: We all appreciate receiving grace from others. But the Bible teaches that when it comes to our salvation, we don't simply need God's help—we are completely dependent upon His grace. That's the heart of Sola Gratia: salvation is by grace alone.

EXPLORE

How does Paul describe our spiritual condition apart from Christ, and why does this make God's grace necessary (vv. 1-3)?

What does God do for sinners who are spiritually dead, and what motivates Him to do it (vv. 4-7)?

What do these verses teach about the relationship between grace, faith, and good works in our salvation (vv. 8-9)?

If we are not saved by good works, what role do good works play in the Christian life (v. 10)?

APPLY

How should knowing that your salvation is entirely God's gracious work change the way you view yourself, other people, and God?

Grace doesn't give us permission to continue in sin; it changes how we live. Where do you need God's grace to produce greater obedience in your life?

We need God's grace not only for salvation but also for daily strength and perseverance. Where are you currently relying on your own strength rather than depending upon God's grace?