



## #1 SOVEREIGN GRACE

### What is Grace?

1. God's Unmerited Favor
2. God's Sufficiency in the lives of His people

### Grace concepts...

- A. Common Grace (Psalm 145:9; Matthew 5:43-45)
- B. Special Grace (Ephesians 1:3-7)
- C. Sovereign Grace (2 Timothy 1:8-9)

### GOD'S SOVEREIGN GRACE

2 Timothy 1:8 So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner. But join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup> even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup> he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace...

Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

### BY HIS SOVEREIGN GRACE...

1. God **CHOSE** people for Himself before He created the world

Ephesians 1:4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.

(See Eph. 1:11; I Thess. 1:4; I Pet. 1:2;2:9; Rom . 11:5)

2. God **PLACED** His chosen people 'in Christ' before the beginning of time

2 Timothy 1:9 [God] who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time...

1 Corinthians 1:30 It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus.

(See I Cor. 1:4, Eph. 1:3;2:6)

3. God **WORKS** in all things for the good of His chosen people  
Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

(See Heb. 12:10; Eph. 1:18-19; Phil. 2:13)

4. God will completely **TRANSFORM** every last one of His chosen people into the likeness of Jesus

Romans 8:29 For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (See 2 Cor. 3:18; Phil. 3:21; I John 3:2)

**BROTHER'S KEEPER THOUGHT:** Share with your spiritual partner or small group members a time when you knew you were being blessed by God's grace in your life. What thoughts or emotions does an understanding of God's sovereign grace stir up in you?

### Bible Reading Plan

- Sun.: Luke 3     Mon.: Luke 4     Tues.: Luke 5
- Wed.: Luke 6     Thurs.: Luke 7     Fri.: Luke 8
- Sat.: Luke 9     Sun.: Luke 10

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