

“Sola Gratia” – Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:8-9 – October 22nd, 2017

for Life Group & Personal Bible Study

This guide, based on Sunday’s sermon, provides additional study and reflection for personal devotions and Life Group discussion. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study curriculum, exhaustive commentary, or complete Life Group itinerary, but simply as a helpful resource for further study. Feel free to use these thoughts below as you enjoy your time in God’s Word!



1) Backgrounds

Why is scheduled maintenance important? What happens if we don’t maintain our yard, cars, homes, relationships, or our spiritual life?

The Reformation reminds us we need to constantly realign our faith with the Scripture. How would you describe grace? Share a story where you experienced grace.

2) Read Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:17, 1 Corinthians 3:7, Romans 8:38-39 again and think back over Sunday’s sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?
What questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

Consider the statement: “God’s grace alone provides salvation from sin and power to live.” How does it make you feel? What does it imply about God and yourself?

3) Expanding our Understanding

Look at Ephesians 2:8-9 again. How do we tend to ‘work’ for our salvation? How do the truths in Romans 8:1-4 and Galatians 3:23-26 help us understand Ephesians 2:8-9?

Check out John 15:1-11. How does *obediently abiding in Jesus* allow us to grow in faith?

4) Digging Deeper

Look up 2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 3:23-24, Luke 6:38, and 2 Peter 1:5-8. What kind of obedience is God asking of us?

Check out Matthew 23:1-7. The Pharisees seemed to be obediently following God’s law, so why were they not growing in faith?

5) Personal Reflection

What does living “by grace alone” look like in your life? How can grace correct, empower, and inspire your life?

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Answers to Sunday’s “fill in the blanks”
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Introductory Notes:

- We are saved by grace alone (Sola Gratia) Ephesians 2:8-9
- We are saved by faith alone (Sola Fide) Romans 1:17
- We are in Christ alone (Solus Christus) John 14:6
- That our faith is according to scripture alone (Sola Scriptura) 2 Timothy 3:16
- And we are to live for the glory of God alone (Soli De La Gloria) 1 Corinthians 10:31

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

Grace Alone Saves us Romans 5:17

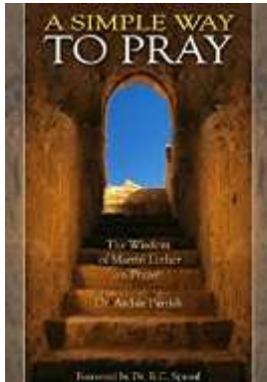
Romans 5:12, Genesis 3:1-7
Proverbs 14:12
Isaiah 64:6

Grace Alone Grows us 1 Corinthians 3:7

2 Corinthians 5:17
1 Corinthians 1:30
John 15:4
Galatians 5:22-23
So I obey God by...2 Timothy 2:15, Hebrews 10:25, Colossians 3:23-24, Luke 6:38, 2 Peter 3:16
James 1:2-5

Grace Alone Connects us Romans 8:38-39

Colossians 3:3
Deuteronomy 31:6
Zephaniah 3:17
1 John 4:10



Going Deeper: If you would like to go deeper and study more during the week, check out this small but powerful book about Martin Luther’s personal insights on prayer! Complement our sermon series with [A Simple Way to Pray](#) by Dr. Archie Parrish, reading each of the 5 chapters alongside the 5 weeks of our ‘Sola’ sermon series. Each Life Group leader has more information. Read chapter 1 this week. Next week, we’ll check out chapter 2.