January 12, 2025 | Amazing Grace
Mark Smith, Connections Pastor | Galatians 1:11-24

SERMON NOTES

1. Our NEED for Grace (v.11-14)

- Does our Sin outweigh Grace?

- Does our Merit nullify Grace?

2. God ’ s WORK of Grace (v. 15)

Ephesians 2:4-5 “ But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when when we were dead in trangressions — it is by grace you have been saved. ”

3. Our RESPONSE to Grace (v.16-24)

Q. Who is the Gospel for?
A. Everyone who believes. There is no one too good or no one too bad for the grace of God.

GOING DEEPER

Take a moment to pray. Confess your need for the Holy Spirit ’ s help in illuminating God ’ s Word to you.

Read Galatians 1:11-24 and then walk through a few of the questions below. Be encouraged that the goal is not to cover every single question, but to go deeper with God.

What stands out to you in this passage?

Which aspect of Paul ’ s former life do you most connect with? Having a past so bad that Grace isn ’ t sufficient, or being good enough that Grace isn ’ t needed?

How does the gospel of grace apply to your life?

Which of these truths do you need to remind yourself of?

- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 5:6-8
- John 3:17
- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

What does a life transformed by the gospel look like? How is your life being changed as you respond to grace?

Have you ever shared the story of how you recieved God ’ s grace? Even though your story may not be as dramatic as Paul ’ s, God can use your testimony to encourage others.

Take a moment and reflect on the question and answer from this week ’ s passage.

Question: Who is the Gospel for?
Answer: Everyone who believes. There is no one too good or no one too bad for the grace of God.

UPCOMING

Prime Timer ’ s Breakfast | Jan. 16th, 8:30am | Sunshine West
“ Explore Hope ” 4-week class | Sundays Feb 2, 9, 16 & 23 | RSVP online
Winter Blast Middle School Retreat | Feb. 7-9, 2025 | Register online