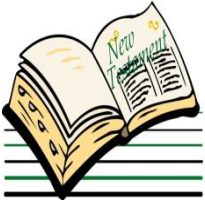


Sermon Notes



Title: *The Five Solas Series: Sola Gratia*

Text: Ephesians 2:1-10

Theme: One of the best places you can ever be in your life is the place of utter helplessness because then you can begin to see the wonderful grace of God. Everyone of us is in a place of helplessness before God. Since everyone is helpless before the LORD that is why His grace is so amazing.

I. What is Grace?

II. What is *Sola Gratia*?

III. Grace Alone in Ephesians 2:1-10

A. We were _____ (1-3)

B. God Made Us _____ in _____ (4-10)

IV. The Issue in the 16th Century

A. The _____ of Grace, Not Just Its

B. The Role of _____ in Justification

V. How Grace Is Undermined in the Contemporary Church

A. The Church Undermines Grace by a Sub-Biblical View of the
_____ of Sin on the _____

B. The Church Undermines Grace by Thinking that God
_____ Us Grace

C. The Church Undermines Grace by Supposing that Grace Is
_____ But Something We Do Helps
_____ It

VI. What Does *Sola Gratia* Mean For You?

A. You can take no _____ for being right before God.

B. _____ should flavor your life.

C. Grace is really _____!

Questions to Answer from the Text of Ephesians 2:1-10:

1. The Apostle Paul describes our condition before knowing Christ as what (v. 1)?
2. What descriptions does Paul give to develop the spiritual deadness of people (vv. 2-3)?
3. How does Paul describe our old nature (v. 3b)
4. God is rich in what (v. 4)?
5. What bears the grammatical “weight” in verses 4-7?
6. What does it mean to be “seated with [Christ] in the heavenly places” (v. 6)?
7. What is a purpose Paul identifies for which God made us alive in Christ (v. 7)?
8. What is the basis for our salvation (v. 8a)? What is the instrument by which we are saved (v. 8b)?
9. What does Paul explicitly exclude as a reason (basis) for our salvation (v. 9)?
10. Why are we not able to take any credit for our salvation (v. 10)?

Questions to Answer and Discuss About *Sola Gratia*:

1. Discuss what it means to be spiritually dead. What classical doctrine encapsulates this idea? How do Christians misunderstand this teaching?
2. What is grace? Give an illustration of grace.
3. By definition, what does grace exclude?
4. What does *Sola Gratia* mean?
5. How did the Church in the Middle Ages dilute the idea of God’s grace?