

Grace Alone

Sermon Questions

1. *Sola Gratia* is Latin for Grace Alone. (Yes/No)
2. Before hearing Pastor Tim define grace, how have you heard it defined?
3. _____
4. Grace is the free, unmerited, ill-deserved _____ of God.
5. There are only two possibilities when it comes to how grace relates to our salvation. Either God saves by grace _____ OR there must be some level of human _____.
6. These two theological positions are called monergism and _____.
7. Ephesians 2:1–3 describes who we all are apart from _____.
8. To be dead in trespasses and sins means that a person is stuck following:
 - i. the devil
 - ii. the world
 - iii. their own sinful desires
 - iv. a lifeless, emotionless, joyless existence
9. I am a wretched sinner worthy of God's wrath. (Yes/No)
10. Ephesians 2:4–7 describes how Christians are rescued by _____.
11. Who is the *only* one acting to save a sinner in verses 4–7? _____
12. How do faith and works related to salvation?
 - i. Good works, added to faith, are required before God rescues a person from sin.
 - ii. Faith is required, then God responds with grace so that we can be saved and do good works.
 - iii. Faith and good works are products of God's grace alone.

(More questions on the reverse)

13. List three verses that teach that faith is a gift of God:

- i. _____
- ii. _____
- iii. _____

14. What are you going to do because of the teaching of grace alone?

The following quotes from Martin Luther are for your edification.

"So he [Paul] discards all boasted free will, all human virtue, righteousness, and good works. He concludes that they are all nothing and are wholly perverted, however brilliant and worthy they may appear, and teaches that we must be saved solely by the grace of God, which is effective for all believers who desire it from a correct conception of their own ruin and nothingness."

"Yes, dear friend, you must first possess heaven and salvation before you can do good works. Works never merit heaven; heaven is conferred purely of grace."

"The delusive doctrine of works blinds the Christian's eyes, perverts a right understanding of faith, and forces him from the way of truth and salvation."

"He who does not receive salvation purely through grace, independently of all good works, certainly will never secure it."

"Truly, then, we are saved by grace alone, without works or other merit."

"Notice [from John 3:16], all who believe have eternal life. That being true, believers certainly are just and holy without works. Works contribute nothing to justification. It is effected by pure grace richly poured out upon us."

"We receive absolution [forgiveness] and grace at no cost or labor on our part, but not without cost and labor on the part of Christ."

"Our salvation must exist, not in our righteousness, but...in Christ's righteousness. ...Let his righteousness and grace, not yours, be your refuge."