

1 TIMOTHY 1:15: “Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.**”

- **Jesus came to _____ (1 Tim. 1:15; John 10:10; Mark 2:17; Luke 19:10).**

JOHN 10:10: “The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; **I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.**”

MARK 2:17: “On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. **I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.**”

LUKE 19:10: “For the Son of Man **came to seek and to save the lost.**”

- **Jesus _____ us salvation from sin by his _____ & _____.**

TITUS 2:13-14: “**For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.** 12 It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, 14 **who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.**”

1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4: “Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of **the gospel** I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.“ **By this gospel you are saved,** if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. 3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures...”

- **Jesus saves us by _____ alone through _____ alone in _____ alone.**

EPHESIANS 2:8-9: “For **it is by grace you have been saved, through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.”

ACTS 4:12: “**Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name** under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

JOHN 14:6: “Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. **No one comes to the Father except through me.**”

3. Grace is an _____ to other _____.

1 TIMOTHY 1:16: “But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might **display his immense patience as an example** for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.”

- **As a Christian, your life is a _____ example of the _____ of God.**
- **As a Christian, your life can bring _____ to others who are sinners.**

4. Grace Causes us to _____.

1 TIMOTHY 1:17: “Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

LUKE 17:11-19: “Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. 12 As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance 13 and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” 14 When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. 15 **One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. 16 He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him**—and he was a Samaritan. 17 Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? 18 **Has no one returned to give praise to God** except this foreigner?” 19 Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

FINAL THOUGHTS

Have you become a Christian by accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior & LORD? If not, why not make a decision today! *His grace is enough.*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Pray together as you begin

1. What questions do you have from Sunday's message? What stood out to you? What was new?
2. Did you become a Christian on Sunday? If so, would you tell us about it?
3. What would you say to someone who claims they are going to heaven because they believe in God, and seek to live a good life? How does the story of Cornelius in **Acts 10** help you answer this question?
4. What would you say to someone who claims they are going to heaven because they are religious? How does the story of Nicodemus in **John 3** help you answer this question?
5. What would you say to someone who claims to be a Christian but they believe they are saved by grace and works?
6. If we are not saved by works (Ephesians 2:8-9), then what role do works have in a Christian's life?

Close in prayer.

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Introduction:

1. Grace is for the _____.

1 TIMOTHY 1:12-14: "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. **13 *Even though I was once*** a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, ***I was shown mercy*** because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. **14** The ***grace*** of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with ***the faith and love*** that are in Christ Jesus."

- **His _____ was marked by sin** (*1 Tim. 1:13, 15; Gal. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 15:9; Phil. 3:1-7; Acts 9:1-2, 13; 22:4-5; 26:4-5, 9-11*).
- **His _____ him before God & made him _____ of judgment.**
- **He was given _____ & _____ instead of condemnation and judgment** (*1 Tim. 1: 13-14; 1 Cor. 15:9-10*).

LUKE 18:9-14: "***To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else***, Jesus told this parable: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one ***a Pharisee and the other a tax collector***. 11 ***The Pharisee*** stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' 13 "***But the tax collector stood at a distance***. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, '***God, have mercy on me, a sinner.***' 14 "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

2. Grace Comes Through _____.