

Oxford Baptist Church – March 5 – Jay Nugteren
The Solas – Grace Alone – Ephesians 2:1-10

Defining God's Grace

- God's grace is God giving us incredibly good gifts that we do not deserve
- Eph 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."*
- John 3:16 – *"For God so loved the world that He gave..."*
- God's mercy is God not giving us the terrible punishment that we justly deserve
- Eph 2:4 – *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of (His) great love..."*
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Our Need For God's Grace

- We need God's grace because of our sin.
- Eph 2:1-3 – *"dead in trespasses and sins", "sons of disobedience", by nature children of wrath"*
- Rom 3:23 – *"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God"*
- Rom 6:23a – *"For the wages of sin is death..."*
- Matt 5:21-22, Rom 5:9
- We need the grace of God because we are dead in our sins and guilty of our sin without faith in Christ.

Results of God's Grace

- God's grace gives us spiritual life
- Eph 2:4-8, John 3:16, Rom 6:23b, Rom 3:23-25a
- God's grace strengthens us – 1 Cor 12:7-9
- God's grace forgives and welcomes us back - Luke 15:11-32
- God's grace saves us, strengthens us, and welcomes us back.

Response to God's Grace

- Accept God's grace through faith in Christ - John 3:16
- Be thankful for God's grace - Col 3:14-16
- Joyfully serve God - Eph 2:10, 1 John 4:19, Jam 2:17
- Our response to the Grace of God is accepting it, being thankful for it, and joyful service.

God's Grace is the greatest gift that meets our greatest need by offering the greatest salvation that results in our greatest joy.