



COMMON GRACE VS. SAVING GRACE

STUDY SYLLABUS

When did God's plan to save me begin?

How did God's saving work begin in me?

What happens when I'm born-again?

How do we respond to God's saving work?

What is my new position with God?

What is my new relationship with God?

How is God continuing to work in my life?

How is the Holy Spirit involved in my salvation?

Will I stay saved?

How can I be sure that I am saved?

What happens to saved people when they die?

What happens to saved people when Jesus returns?

Important Definitions

Common Grace: The grace of God by which He gives people blessings that are _____.

Saving (or Special) Grace: The grace of God that brings people _____.

Where Common Grace is at work:

- In the _____
- In the _____
- In the _____
- In Creative _____ and _____
- In _____
- In _____

What God's Common Grace show us:

- That He is _____ and _____.
- That He is _____.
- That He is _____.

Appreciating Common Grace:

- We know the good things unbelievers do _____.
- We can embrace the good things God does _____.
- We are _____ unbelievers like God _____ to unbelievers.

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STUDY QUESTIONS

These questions are meant to be done by yourself or together with a family member or friend, then discussed at your small group during the week.

1. Read Psalm 145. Note in this Psalm the references to God blessing all people.
2. Now search in the Psalm references to God's saving grace [Review the definitions on your study handout].
3. Can you list examples in these areas that God's Common Grace is at work?
 - In the Physical World (Fruit trees ...)
 - In the Human Intellect (Medical knowledge ...)
 - In the Moral Order (A sense that human life is sacred ...)
 - In Creative Expression and Appreciation (Country music?? ...)
 - In Social Structures (Local law enforcement ...)
 - In Answered Prayers (The fox hole prayers of unbelievers ...)
4. Review the list of things we can appreciate given the truth of Common Grace. Is there something on the list that especially resonates with you or challenges you?
5. Which topic on our study syllabus are you especially looking forward to?

As a group, spend time in prayer asking Jesus to bless this series of studies and bring you to a deeper understanding and appreciation for your salvation in Jesus.