

Evening Lesson

AMAZING GRACE

Eph. 2:8, 9

INTRO:

1. If we are saved, it is by the grace of God.
2. However, grace alone does not save any more than faith alone.

I. AMAZING GRACE.

A. Though all have earned death and eternal condemnation, God gives eternal life to his people as a free gift.

Rom. 6:23

B. Some think of this gift as commonplace for a loving God. How could a loving and gracious God condemn anybody?

Gen. 18:25

1. Righteous judgment condemns the guilty without partiality.
2. Everyone who appears before him in judgment deserves death, yet God forgives sins and declares guilty ones to be righteous.

C. Amazingly, God loved us enough to send his Son to die in our place. **2 Cor. 5:21**

D. His grace is truly amazing!

II. ABOUNDING GRACE.

A. **Rom. 5:20; Psalm 103:8, 12**

B. Paul says the grace of God abounded toward him.

1 Tim. 1:12-16

C. You cannot so sin that the grace of God will not be sufficient for you.

III. RESISTIBLE GRACE.

A. "Irresistible grace" is one of the tenets of Calvinism.

B. Scripture says that God's grace has appeared to all men.

Tit. 2:11

1. If grace cannot be rejected, everyone would be saved.
2. Jesus says this is not the case. **Matt. 7:13**

IV. CONDITIONAL GRACE.

A. Grace must be accepted by faith. **Eph. 2:8, 9**

B. A gift is not earned, but must be accepted to be of benefit.
Heb. 11:8, 17, 30; Mark 16:16, 1 John 1:7

CONC:

1. **Rom. 6:17**
2. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible grace!