

Looking ahead...

Next week, we will be looking at the theme of “**Attitudes**” in the book of *Galatians*. **Attitudes** affect all we do. We spend our lives in one attitude or another. What does it mean to have a ‘godly’ or ‘right’ attitude in life? We are going to look at what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. Our battle against sin begins with our reliance on the Holy Spirit. We need to be *living by* the Spirit and *keeping in step* with the Spirit. God is taking away our ‘fairness’ and giving us the kind of attitudes we need to have.

Readings to prepare for the coming week:

___DAY 1 (September 23): *Ephesians 6:10-20*

___DAY 2 (September 24): *Philippians 2:1-11*

___DAY 3 (September 25): *Philippians 2:12-18*

___DAY 4 (September 26): *Psalms 55*

___DAY 5 (September 27): *Philippians 4:4-13*

___DAY 6 (September 28): *Colossians 3:1-17*



Grace

Week Three

During the coming week, we will be looking at the theme of “**Grace**” in *Romans 5:12-21*. **Grace** means “undeserved rewards”. We don’t “deserve” the *free gift* God has given us. We are going to learn about how death came into the world and how we can have life in a world filled with death. We are going to learn about Jesus giving us the *free gift of life*. God’s **grace** is greater than our sin including our wrong thoughts, attitudes and actions. God’s **grace** is abundant. We don’t need to experience famine when we ‘feast’ on the **grace** of God. And God offers everyone an opportunity to have life through Jesus Christ.

Making it personal...

Which observation(s) from Sunday's sermon do you feel the need to apply to your life (see below)?

(God has given us grace despite our mistakes; God has given us an undeserved gift; God's grace is unlimited; God gives us the ability to be obedient; God gives grace for eternal life)

How would applying these affect your coming week?

In what part of your life do you 'need' the most grace right now?

What things are not against the 'law of the land' (the laws of our country) but are against God's law? How does knowing about those show how gracious God is?

How are you *currently* acting graciously in your 3 life circles?

How *can* you become more 'gracious' in your family circle? Your school/work circle? Your community circle?

What is the most difficult part of receiving an undeserved reward from God for you right now?

In your interactions with others, are you tempted to "pre-judge" them? Why? What are some ways you can relate differently to others in order to give them a 'better taste' of God's unlimited grace?

What area(s) do you need to ask God to give you the ability to 'be obedient in' more consistently?

How can you 'live out' Grace in your 3 life circles?

In your "SonLight Circle," write down 3 people who need grace from God (and you) and exchange your list with another person in the circle. Pray for these people that they would live 'lives of grace' toward others. Pray that they would have faith in Jesus Christ, His sacrifice for their sins, and His resurrection from the dead. Pray for everyone's individual/personal circles (Family, School/Work, Community) to be transformed through grace and reconciliation from Jesus.