

Thursday

Read Titus 2:11-15. What has grace accomplished in this passage? There is a concern among some that people will abuse grace and use it as a license for sin. In Paul's mind, what does grace say to such a concern in verse 12? Paul even takes the power of God's saving grace as a force to sustain us until Jesus comes back as our blessed hope. What role does the grace of God have in your life? As you've gotten older in your faith, has the grace of God grown stale, numb? May his grace train you and lead you into all godliness and may it never become common!

Friday

Read Romans 5:15-21. What is the tension being discussed in this passage? What is Paul saying when he contrasts the one act of Adam with the one act of Christ? What is Paul's point in verse 17 about the abundance of grace? We have been changed because grace makes all the difference and it has set us free from the reign of death. May FBC be a place where grace abounds, where our words encourage and our fellowship is sweet in the Spirit. Let us all wake up and see the grace... over and over again!

WAKE UP... and see the Grace Grace Works Ephesians 2:8-10

Introduction
Grace Defined

Grace Works...The IN'S and the OUT'S of God's Amazing Grace!

I. What God did (2:4-7)

Grace _____ just in _____ !

II. Why God did it (2:8-9)

Grace is a _____ that cannot be _____ !

III. What happens now (2:10)

Grace has _____ a _____ !

Grace is _____ to be _____ !

Grace _____ up its _____ and gets to
_____ !

Conclusion
Grace Works!

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...and he opened to us the Scriptures (Luke 24:32)

Stories of grace, they are my favorite tales. I love movies where the situation seems hopeless and dire. When all seems lost until someone comes to save the day... someone comes to save. In God's plan to save people from sin and death, he is the ultimate hero; his story is the personification of a story of grace. Ephesians 2:8-10 serves as the script of God's salvation tale. Have you been touched by this grace? Are you one who received grace from God and are willing to extend grace to others? Let's go to God's word and enter into the story, our own story of grace.

Monday

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What observations do you make about your pre-Christ status? Write down the words you see in verses 1-3 that describe your condition prior to Christ. Now write down the words in verses 4-7 that describe what Jesus has done for us, for you! Why does verse 10 speak of doing works when verse 9 says it is not by works? What does it mean that you are God's "workmanship"? What is grace supposed to do in verse 10? Grace is the beginning, the middle and the climax of all of our stories. It's making us into creatures that God defines as masterpieces. May grace be in you, upon you and around you as you experience it day in and day out!

Tuesday

Read Luke 15:11-32. Where do you see grace in this story? What do you observe about both the father's sons? Which one do you most identify with? The more popular son is the one who squandered his father's estate and is therefore the one who gets most of the press. The elder brother is also in need here, can you see what his need is? Who does the elder son represent in the parable? The truth is, both of these brothers are far from God, one's sin is obvious and the other's is less so. The elder brother's heart is jealous, angry and entitled! What does God's grace say to each of them? What is the grace of God teaching you right now?

Wednesday

Read Romans 3:23-31. How would you summarize the overall thrust of this passage? What is Paul trying to communicate in verse 24? Knowing that Paul is speaking to people who thought they earned their way to favor with God, why is Paul talking about grace being a gift? As you look at verse 27, why do you think people are prone to boasting? What does Paul mean when he uses the term "the law of faith"? Paul's point in all of this is to communicate the power of grace, through the agency of faith (belief/trust), all accomplished by Christ. This never stops being true! No matter how long we've been walking with the Lord, we still live and move by his grace. May you always receive grace the very moment you need it!