

Series: Divine Paradox

Sermon: Grace or Works?

Primary Text: Ephesians 2:8-10 vs. James 2:14-26

Discussion:

- What is one of the nicest things anyone has ever done for you? why did they do it?
- What is something you have done for someone simply because you love them?
- What is something you have done for Jesus simply because you love Him?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-9...
 - What is grace and how does it save us?
 - Why does Paul make the point that we can't earn this, but it is a gift?
 - What are the dangers of believing you can earn salvation?
- Read James 2:14-26...
 - How does this seem to disagree with Paul's words in Ephesians?
- In the sermon we said that Paul is talking about what leads to salvation while James is talking about what follows.
- How does good works prove faith is real?
 - What is James's point with the example that faith without works is like a body without a corpse?
- How should love for Christ produce good works in your life?
- How should walking with Christ create a growing heart for others that manifests itself in good works?
- How should walking with Christ cause you to get a better understanding of reality that manifests itself in good works?