

Stunned by Grace

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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Bulletin Notes

- I. The need for grace.
- II. The explanation of grace.
- III. The application of grace.
- IV. The unearned wonder of grace.

Checking in

- How are you feeding your **SOUL**?
- How are you feeding your **FLESH**?
- How are you feeding **OTHERS**?

Connect

Have you ever considered the part that grace plays in your everyday life?

Study

- 1) Does the reality of grace impact your daily relationship with God? If so, how? If not, how could it in practical ways?
- 2) Read the parable of the forgiven debt in Matthew 18:23-34. How should our lives reflect the grace that God has shown us? Can you think of ways God has convicted you when you failed to do so? Give examples you have seen when others did or didn't show such grace.
- 3) Have you ever considered the fact that without the grace of God it is impossible to please God?
- 4) Talk about how you would have felt if you were David. How would you have felt if you were the prodigal son?
- 5) How does the prodigal's brother fall into the trap of thinking he's justified by his works?
- 6) What does it look like to "demolish" arguments? How do we guard against just being argumentative?
- 7) Have you ever considered the fact that all of the great saints in Hebrews 11 did not receive what was promised?
- 8) Have you ever talked with someone and had them use the "I'm good enough" line of reasoning? How did you answer them? What was their response?
- 9) As believers, how can we be sucked into relying on works, or at least thinking that our behavior makes us a "better Christian" than the next guy?
- 10) How can even believers be led to pride by their unconscious drift towards pride by works?

Preparing for next week

Read: Isaiah 40:1-31

Ask: questions of the text

Pray: through text, for the pastor as he prepares, for your heart to hear, for the congregation to hear, for all of us to be obedient.