

The Grace of God

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Matthew 5:45b "For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike".

Did Adam and eve get what they deserved? DO we?

Does God's grace guarantee heaven in every situation?

What did God do to the angels that misbehaved in heaven? Are we lesser sinners?

Is a miracle in my life a sign of salvation?

Does God's goodness and grace in my life mean I am going to heaven?

Observations:

---Grace is defined as unmerited favor.

There are two types of grace. Common grace (universal) and special grace (believers).

Common grace is defined as the grace given to all humans. This grace is not limited to just believers.

"Common grace is the grace of God by which he gives innumerable blessings that are not part of salvation" Wayne Grudem

---Common grace , as with redemptive grace , is never deserved or earned.

Sin, as began with Adam and Eve, was deserving of death.

Gen 2:17 except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

We too are under the same curse. Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

II Peter 2:4 or God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell,^[a] in gloomy pits of darkness,^[b] where they are being held until the day of judgment.

I. Examples of Common Grace

---The physical realm

Matt 5:44-45- But I say, love your enemies!^[a] Pray for those who persecute you! ⁴⁵ In that way, you will be acting as true children of your Father in heaven. For he gives his sunlight to both the evil and the good, and he sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.

Gen 39:5 From the day Joseph was put in charge of his master's household and property, the LORD began to bless Potiphar's household for Joseph's sake. All his household affairs ran smoothly, and his crops and livestock flourished.

---The intellectual realm

---The creative realm

---The societal realm

II. Implications/Application of common grace

---Common grace does not save people.

---Believers need to be careful not to reject the good that is done by unbelievers.

---The doctrine of common grace needs to prompt believers to be more thankful!

Close:

God doesn't owe us anything yet in His grace, He still gives us good things.

Billy Graham