

LIFE GROUP

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Why Does God Give Us Grace? October 18, 2026

Summary

God gives us His grace because He wants us to see and experience His glory. Through Jesus, God not only saves us from sin and death but also gives us new life and a place with Christ in the heavenly realms. We receive this gift through faith, which means trusting Jesus with the full weight of our lives rather than relying on our own efforts or good works.

Baptism is a public expression of that faith, symbolizing that we have died to our old way of life and have been raised to new life in Jesus. Because we have received God's grace, we can live in hope, knowing our place with Christ is secure and allowing the truth of heaven to shape how we live today.

Scripture

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!"

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household."

Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household. Acts 16:25-34 (NIV)

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 (NIV)

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:6-9 (NIV)

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Let's Start

Have you ever gotten an unexpected upgrade? Maybe on a flight, in a hotel, at a restaurant or somewhere else. What happened?

Gratitude and Prayer

How has God been at work in your life since we last met?

Let's Talk

1. What stood out to you most from this sermon, and why?
2. Kyle began by asking why God gives us grace. How would you answer that question in your own words?
3. "Where you sit matters." How does knowing you are seated with Christ in the heavenly realms change the way you see yourself and your circumstances?
4. Kyle compared faith to sitting in a chair and trusting it to hold your weight. What does it look like for you to trust Jesus with the full weight of your life?
5. Why do you think we sometimes feel the need to earn God's love or prove ourselves to Him, even though salvation is a gift of grace?
6. Kyle described baptism as a vulnerable, public expression of faith. What might make someone hesitate to be baptized, and what encouragement would you offer them?
7. We were challenged to let what is true in the heavenly places affect our earthly reality. What is one situation in your life where remembering God's grace and your identity in Christ could change your perspective or response?

Let's Act

Worship God fully: God gives us His grace so we can see and experience His glory. What is one way you can respond to His grace this week by worshiping Him more fully in your everyday life?

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