

Going deeper

We sometimes see grace as a New Testament idea in contrast to the Law in the Old Testament. However, God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He dealt with His Old Testament people with grace as well. Just as this passage from the Law shows.

Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8

5. Why were the Israelites God's chosen people? How is that different from someone choosing between candidates at a job interview?

6. Why did God save his people from the Egyptians?

7. Did he save them because of their works or by grace? Explain your answer.

8. What has God chosen his people to become?

9. How does this passage encourage the people to follow God's Law?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...



**Week Beginning
Sunday 19th November 2017**

Growth Team News

Not tried a Growth Team yet? Do join one to find both stronger friendships with fellow Christians and a deeper understanding of what we study on Sundays. This term we are focussing on the key ideas of the Reformation. This week it's 'Grace Alone'.

Explore Groups are still open for those who want something different to Growth Teams or can't make any of the Growth Team times. Why not try one this week?



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Grace Alone

Ephesians 2:1-10 (page 1174)

Space to take notes on the talk

Grace – It's _____

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Grace – It's _____, Our _____

1. H _____

2. H _____

3. H _____

Starter question

❖ What's your favourite birthday present ever?

Responding to the talk

1. What one thing do you remember about grace from the talk?
2. Read Ephesians 2:1-3
 - a. Why is this a shocking description of the human condition?
 - b. What three things are said to control or influence our lives?
 - c. What did we deserve as a result of being dead in our sins?
3. Read Ephesians 2:4-6
 - a. What do these verses say about God's character?
 - b. What do they say God did for us, when we became Christians?
 - c. What is the relationship between grace and God's character?
4. Read Ephesians 2:7-10
 - a. How do these verses help us understand grace better?
 - b. What is the essence of the hope we now have as Christians?
 - c. Why does God's grace make us humble?
 - d. We're not saved by good works, so why do we do them?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

10. What kinds of attitudes or thinking stops us seeing God's grace as "amazing"?
11. Someone says, that the idea of being saved by grace alone means you have no motivation to do any good. How would you respond to them?