



WORSHIP

GRACE

Objective for Learning: To believe that we are justified by grace through faith, and we are sanctified by grace through faith.

Objective for Living: To be able to live, act, and respond with grace to yourself and others.

Objective for Reproducing: To be able to clearly describe to someone else the justification and sanctification by grace through faith.

Scriptures for Grace:

- Romans 5:1-2
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- Romans 6:14
- Romans 11:6
- 1 Corinthians 2:2
- 1 Corinthians 6:11
- Titus 2:11
- John 8:34-36
- 2 Timothy 1:9
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** what grace is and why it is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Sin has condemned us to death. Jesus came to take our place of rightful condemnation. He lived the life we should have lived, then died the death we rightfully deserved to die. We have been justified through faith (Romans 5:1-2)... just as if I had never sinned. The slate of sin is wiped clean and we are given new life and new hope in Christ. He takes away our sin and gives us His righteousness. It's God's grace by faith that allows us to be forgiven, to be pardoned, and to become new creations. This is not by our own doing, but is a gift from Him (Ephesians 2:8-9). While the Lord may heal and work through some areas instantly, not all of our habits, thoughts, and actions are

immediately transformed. The good news is, however, that we are all continuing to be sanctified in and through the power of Jesus. Sanctification is the process of moving towards becoming more like Christ (2 Corinthians 3:18). We are washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:11).

God's grace opens the door to the prison of sin. We cannot call ourselves a slave to what Christ has freed us from, because we are no longer under the law, but under grace (Romans 6:14). Jesus substituted Himself in our place and atoned for our sins, meaning that He made fully made amends for our wrongdoing and sin. At the same time, this act also provided a payment for our sins, which were paid for and forgiven. This in turn pacified the wrath of God that was against us. So if Jesus has set us free, and we are free indeed (John 8:34-36)! It is crucial that we understand what Jesus did on the cross and why He did it to fully believe and live God's grace and freedom in our lives.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- How would you describe grace to someone who was unfamiliar with the concept?
- Do you feel like you live fully under God's grace? If not, in what areas of your life do you feel like you are not living under grace or experiencing grace?
- When you hear, "if Jesus has set us free, we are free indeed," what may be some things that hinder from you fully experiencing that freedom that is offered in Christ?

Questions for Reproducing:

- Do you know of anyone that is struggling with understanding and receiving grace?
- Which scriptures would you share with them to help them see the truth that we are saved by grace through faith? (Name at least 4-5 scriptures)

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.