

MESSAGE NOTES

Biblical Words: Grace

Romans 11:6 James Brown

1. Common grace

Psalm 145:9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

This is the grace which God gives to everyone and upon all that He has created. Everything that is good in this life is a gift from God which we can give thanks to Him for. It's all part of His common grace. God loves to do good things for us and give good things to us because He is a good God.

2. Saving grace

This is the gift of eternal life. The greatest thing which God has done out of His love for us was sending His only Son Jesus to die for us. When we choose to accept that and follow Him, we receive saving grace.

Romans 11:6 And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

There's nothing you can do to earn eternal life. You receive it instantly, the day you choose to follow Jesus.

3. Sanctifying grace

This is the grace we receive, after we become a Christian, to do good things in our lives.

Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

It would be impossible for us to please God without Him working in us to give us the will and the ability to do so. We work from God's grace not for it.