

Week 25: God's Purpose of Grace

Scripture Reading:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." - Eph. 1:3-6

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a prayer thanking God for His magnificent purpose of grace and for choosing us before the very foundation of the world.

Devotional:

Even before time began, God intended to regenerate, save, and sanctify sinners through the plan of salvation. God decided to do this only because of His grace and not because of any goodness seen in sinners. His intention to save sinners does not take away our freedom to choose, but it does mean that we have no right to boast about ourselves because we are saved. His gracious plan compels us to be humble, loving, thankful, kind, more trusting in God, and hard-working in our faith. The impact of His grace is seen in true believers, and we can be assured of God's love for His people because of His purpose of grace.

Discussion:

1. How does God's purpose of grace affect our view of our identity in Christ? (Eph. 1:11; Rom. 11:29)
2. Discuss how God's choice of us was based solely on His grace. (2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 11:6)
3. How has God's purpose of grace been evident in your life?

Closing Prayer:

Ask God to help you continually recognize and embrace His purpose of grace in your life and to live every day as His chosen and beloved child.