

# Sola Gratia

Is God's Grace Enough

Read the following passage together – Ephesians 2:1-10

## Get Started

1. What special gift have you received recently? What did you feel toward the giver in response to the gift?

## About the Passage

1. As believers in Christ, Paul divides our lives into two parts. What are they? What words does he use to describe them?
2. Who held our allegiance in the first part? What was the result?
3. What was the turning point? How does Paul describe it?
4. Is a Christian believer ever fully free of the cravings, desires and thoughts of the past?

## Sermon Talking Points

1. Explain the system and purpose of indulgences. What were Luther's objections to the use of that system? Do you agree with his protest?
2. How would you define grace?
3. The patron/client system was prevalent in the New Testament world. What are some of the implications of that system for our understanding of God's grace?
4. Are we 'obligated' to respond in appropriate ways to God's grace? What might be some of those obligations? What scripture would you use to support your view.
5. We can 'dissect' God's grace (like a frog in a lab) in order to learn about it or we can observe God's grace (like a living frog) in order to understand it. Which way of learning do you prefer? Why?

## Apply This

1. In what way is God's grace sufficient for you? (2 Corinthians 12:9)
2. How can we 'grow in grace'? (2 Peter 3:18)
3. How have you observed God's grace in your life and the lives of others around you? Share some stories!