



Shelby Christian Church

CORE 52: GETTING RIGHT WITH GOD - GRACE

EPHESIANS 2:8, LUKE 15, ROMANS 3:23-24, 10:13 * 11/09/2025

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EPHESIANS 2:8

Why is it significant that salvation is described as a “gift of God”? How does this verse contrast God’s work with human effort? What does this verse teach about the sufficiency of Christ’s work on the cross for salvation?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 15

What do these parables teach about God’s heart for the lost? What similarities exist between the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the prodigal son in terms of God’s pursuit of the lost? In the parable of the prodigal son, what do the responses of the father and the older son reveal about God’s forgiveness and human attitudes toward grace? How can we celebrate and encourage one another when someone turns to God or grows in faith?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ACTS 15:11

What does it mean that salvation is “through the grace of our Lord Jesus”? Why was it important for the early church to clarify that salvation is by grace, not by law or works? How does this verse reflect the broader theme of God’s sovereignty and mercy in salvation?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 3:23-24

What does it mean that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”? How does the phrase “justified freely by his grace” emphasize God’s initiative in salvation? What is the role of “redemption through Christ Jesus” in making justification possible? How do these verses highlight the relationship between human sinfulness and God’s grace?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 10:13

What does it mean to “call on the name of the Lord”? How does this verse relate to God’s grace and human response? Why does Paul emphasize “everyone”—who does this include?

APPLICATION

Share a time when you were given something (a gift, opportunity, or experience) you absolutely did not deserve. How did that make you feel toward the person who gave it to you?

Can you give an example of a person who felt they had to earn love in a relationship (parent/child, husband/wife, etc.)? What dangers arise in this kind of relationship?

What is the difference between the words "faith" and "fidelity"?

Is there an area of your life that you are not showing God the loyalty that reflects his grace to you? What step could you take to align with God's grace in that area?

PRAYER