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GRACE

CHANGES EVERYTHING



WEEK 7 | Grace Changes Everything

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, what an amazing plan of redemption – praise your holy name. Thank you for your people Israel and for your plans for the Church. I pray that during my time on earth I may be a true witness of your word until you come to take us to be with yourself. We pray that your plans and purposes for mankind would continue to unfold and we will rejoice with all the angels in heaven when your chosen people finally cry out to the Lord for salvation. This we ask in Jesus' name, Amen.

From [Prayer Knowing Jesus](#)

WARM UP

(OPTIONAL)

What is something that you thought was not great when you experienced it for the first time, but you grew to love it later?

NOTES

WORD

³⁰ What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹ but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. ³² Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, ³³ as it is written,

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

[ROMANS 8:30-33](#)

Romans 9 is an explanation for why the word of God has not failed even though God’s chosen people, Israel, as a whole, are not turning to Christ and being saved. The sovereignty of God’s grace is brought in as the final ground of God’s faithfulness in spite of Israel’s failure, and therefore as the deepest foundation for the precious promises of Romans 8. For if God is not faithful to his word, then we can’t count on Romans 8, either.

Romans 9 comes after Romans 8 for this utterly crucial reason: it shows that the word of God’s covenant with Israel has not failed, because it is grounded in God’s sovereign, electing mercy. Therefore, the promises to the true Israel and the promises of Romans 8 will stand! That is the gospel of Romans 9. The promises purchased by the blood of Christ will be performed by the sovereign power of God.

[John Piper, The Absolute Sovereignty of God](#)

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1-10 (1 none at all; 10 = always), how would you rate your trust in a sovereign God? Why have you rated yourself this way?
2. What things might cause us to lose our trust in God?
3. Romans 9:20-21 says, “But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, ‘Why have you made me like this?’ Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use?” When you consider the molder and potter being God and us being the moulded clay in these examples, what might this mean with regards to our desire for control of our own lives? Do you see yourself as one who is submitted to God the Potter?
4. Can you explain the difference between the Jewish pursuit of righteousness and the Gentiles’ attaining the righteousness of God without pursuing? Do you see yourself in more of the Jewish or Gentile chase after righteousness?
5. Would you like to trust in our sovereign God who is faithful to his every promise that he has for you? Would you like to receive the gift of life, forever walking with God as you enter into a saving relationship with him through Jesus? Ask your Life Group leader to lead you in prayer to receive Christ. You can pray this prayer:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for your forgiveness. I believe you died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite you to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow you as my Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER