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Week 1 - GRACE

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

⁸“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.”

❖ Prevenient Grace - the grace that goes before

- Church of the Nazarene Manual - Article of Faith VII (p.29)

John 1:16 (NIV)

“Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.”

❖ Justifying Grace - the grace that saves

- Church of the Nazarene Manual - Article of Faith IX (p. 30)

- **Justification** - God granting complete release from the penalty of sins committed

Romans 1:5 (NLT)

“Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey Him, bringing glory to His name.”

- **Regeneration** - God providing new life

John 3:3 (NLT)

“Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

- **Adoption** - God welcomes us as children of God

Romans 8:15 (NLT)

”So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God’s Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, “Abba, Father.”

❖ Sanctifying **Grace** - the grace that purifies

- Church of the Nazarene Manual - Article of Faith X (p.30-32)

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NLT)

“God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Him to be wisdom itself. Christ made us right with God; He made us pure and holy, and He freed us from sin.”

G.R.A.C.E.

G – Given, not earned

R – Received, not achieved

A – Available to all

C – Costly to Christ

E – Enough for you

The Challenge: Accept God’s grace & extend it to others