

What is Redemption? Lesson 1 – Common Grace

Introduction:

- Redemption is the way that the Holy Spirit _____ the grace of God to our lives.
 - God’s grace is manifested by the Holy Spirit in the world in _____ ways.
 - God gives _____ grace to those who believe on Christ for salvation.
 - God gives _____ grace to all mankind, including unbelievers.
 - This is the innumerable blessings that are _____ part of _____.
 - It comes from God’s goodness toward all of His _____.
1. God’s grace toward _____ is seen in their judgment being delayed.
- A. When God’s creatures sin, they deserve _____ punishment.

2 Pet 2.4 For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, **but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment....**

Gen 2.16-17 And the Lord commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, **17** but of tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.**

Rom 6.23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

- B. God’s grace toward all _____ is the reason why people do not die immediately after they sin.
2. God’s grace is seen in the numerous _____ of His blessings being given to all mankind.
- A. God’s grace is manifested in _____ ways.
- God provides for the needs of the all _____.

Psa 104.14 *You cause the grass to grow for the livestock and plants for man to cultivate, that he may bring forth food from the earth*

Matt 5.45a *For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on **the just and on the unjust.***

Luke 6.35 *But love your enemies and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for **he is kind to the ungrateful and evil.***

Acts 14.17 *Yet he did not leave himself without witness, for **he did good** by giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness.*

Gen 39.5 *From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake.*

- God is _____ and _____ to all His creatures.

Ps 145.9 *The Lord is **good to all** and **his mercy is over all** that he has made.*

Ps 145.15-16 *The eyes of all look to you, and give them their food in due season. 16 You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of **every living thing.***

B. God's common grace is manifested in man's _____.

- God has gives all people knowledge of _____.

Rom 1.21 *For although **they knew God**, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to Him.*

Acts 17.22-23 *So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with the inscription, 'to the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.*

- God gives all people the ability to know _____ from _____.
- Even _____ people are saved, they can:
 - Tell the truth, and dislike lying
 - Think very rationally
 - Possess a high intelligence and understanding
 - Possess great knowledge
 - Be capable of expressing creativity

- God enables all people to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the way creation _____ in order to develop new technology.
 - Great inventions have come from non-Christians.
 - Great discoveries have been made by non-Christians.
 - Non-Christians possess strong skills for productive work.
- God gives _____ and _____ to everyone through his common grace.

C. God's common grace is manifested in man's _____.

- Both believers and unbelievers can be excellent:
 - Musicians
 - Writers
 - Cooks
 - Artists
 - Athletes

James 2:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights...

- We should give _____ to God for the talents and abilities He's given to others that also benefit us.

D. God's common grace is manifested in the _____ of mankind.

- The reason sinful people are not as evil as they could be, is because God's common grace _____ them from being given over completely to do evil.

Rom 1.28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, **God gave them up** to a debased mind to do what ought not be done.

- One way God does this is by giving everyone a _____ that tells them what is right and wrong.

Rom 2.14-15 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. **They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts....**

Rom 1.29-32 They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. ³² **Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die.**

E. God's common grace is manifested in human _____.

Rom 13.1 *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

- Government leaders are actually _____ of God, for the common _____.

Rom 13.5 *For he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.*

- God created governments in order to _____ evil and carry out _____.
- Even pagan governments establish laws that _____ certain sinful behavior, such as murder and theft.
- Even pagan governments have laws and customs that _____ virtues such as marriage, strong families, and hard work.

F. God's common grace is manifested in _____.

- God gave us the good gift of a human _____.

Gen 2.18 *Then the LORD God said, "It is **not good** that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."*

Gen 2.24 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Gen 1.28a *And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it,*

Prov 18.22 *He who finds a **wife** finds a good thing and obtains favor from the LORD.*

Psa 127.3 *Behold, **children** are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb a reward.*

- God gave us the good gift of human _____.

Eccl 4.9–12 *Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. 10 For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up! 11 Again, if two lie together, they keep warm, but*

how can one keep warm alone? 12 And though a man might prevail against one who is alone, two will withstand him—a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

- God gave us the good gift organizations that _____ the common good:
 - Educational institutions
 - Businesses and corporations
 - Humanitarian organizations
 - Charities

G. God's common grace is manifested in the _____.

- Non-Christians actually benefit from the _____ and _____ of Christians!

Matt 13.5 *But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

1 Tim 2.1-2 *First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions.*

Luke 4.40 *Now when the sun was setting, **all those** who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on **every one of them** and healed them.*

3. _____ that God gives His common grace to all people.

A. God wishes to _____ those who will be saved.

- The day of judgment and punishment is delayed, because there are more people that will be _____.

2 Pet 3.9 *The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.*

- If God wants to save anyone, then He can't _____ sinners the first time they sin.
- God delays His judgment on sinners in order to give them the _____ to repent, and for _____ generations to hear the gospel and repent.

B. God does all things for His glory, so common grace glorifies God's _____.

- God demonstrates His _____ and His _____ through common grace.

Luke 6.35b ...for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Psa 145.9 The Lord is good to all, and **his mercy is over all that he has made.**

- God demonstrates His _____ through His common grace.

Rom 2.5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath** for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

4. _____ to God's common grace.

- A. Remember that no amount of common grace can _____ unbelievers from sin.

Rom 5.10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

- B. Remember that good works do not earn God's _____ for salvation, but they can be _____ for the common good.

Eph 2.8–9 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

- C. Be _____ to God for His many gifts of common grace.

1 Th 5.18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.