

By Grace Alone • Romans 4:16-22

MESSAGE NOTES

Faith is how you receive it. Grace is how God gives it.

Grace =

- The gift-giving nature of God
- Favor you don't deserve

Grace is the only way to receive the gift because of your inability.

It is the only way to receive the gift because of God's **ability**.

We are:

- Hopeless
- Lifeless
- Powerless

He is the:

- Promise-Maker
- Live-Giver
- Miracle-Worker
- Glory-Receiver

Have you received the gift of Jesus' righteousness by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We learned that "grace" includes "the gift-giving nature of God." Have you experienced God's gift-giving nature? Give some examples.

We learned that we need grace because, apart from God, we are hopeless (verse 18). How does this fit with people's view of themselves today? What about in the realm of religion? Politics? Related to making the world a better place to live? The use of technology in medicine? The concept of evolution?

We saw that God is the Promise-Maker (verse 16). In addition to salvation, what are some promises God has made to us? What are some that you personally depend on? Have you experienced God keeping His promises to you? Share some examples.

God is also the Life-Giver (verse 17). What are some evidences of God's life-giving power that we can see in the world today?

Because salvation is by grace alone, God receives all the glory for it (verse 20). What are some ways you can make sure God is being glorified in your life? How can you continually give Him glory for the gift of salvation?