

The Flood of Grace

Philippians 1:12-20

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Last Week:

Grace is _____ out upon us, it
_____ us from within, and then it in
turn _____ out of us all over the place.

Setting the Stage:

- Grace is _____
(Jesus) you _____ deserve (us).
- Mercy is _____ (Jesus)
what you _____ deserve (us).

Acts 9:1-6

- Paul's Conversion.
- Vs. 6 "but" _____

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Shackles and Sovereignty (vs. 12-14)

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- Trials and tragedy at first look like _____.
- What is sovereignty?
- Grace floods over the shackles of life and always prove God's Sovereignty.

The Message and the Messengers (vs. 15-18)

¹⁵ Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶ The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. (message) ¹⁷ The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition (messenger), not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸ What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

- Paul has a call on his life to _____ the message. (vs. 16)
- But the messenger can _____.

The Two Views of the Cross

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹ for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.

- Grace is receiving something (Jesus) you don't deserve (us).
- Mercy is not receiving (Jesus) what you do deserve (us).
- God's Grace and Mercy are the _____
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