



Romans Introduction

Growing in Grace from Romans | January 19th -January 25th

Warm-up: Was anyone able to get started reading Romans this week? Share your initial thoughts and impressions.

- J.A. Milikin writes, *“So pervasive was Paul’s sense of grace that he refers to it at the beginning and end of every one of his letters. For him the Christian life is summed up in the grace of God. Salvation from beginning to the end is all of grace.”*
 - We often overuse the word “grace.” Do you feel you fully understand the reasons behind Paul’s emphasis on grace?
 - How do you think Paul is able to conclude that the Christian life is summed up in grace?
- *“The grace of God is necessary because of man’s total inability to do anything to save himself and his unworthiness to be saved.”* Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
- Assign four group members the following verses and read them in sequence: **Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, and 10:9-10**. These passages make up the “Roman Road” to salvation.
 - Have someone in the group summarize the four passages as they understood them. Everyone else please assist in filling in the gaps (was anything left out?).
 - What do these passages reveal to you about the nature of God and who He is?
- Read **Romans 5:1-2** aloud. Notice both instances of “faith” in this verse.
 - What specifically does this verse say God does for us as a result of our faith?
 - What does it mean to look forward to sharing in God’s glory? Do we share in His glory now? How so?

Wrap-up: As you conclude, prayerfully consider memorizing the four verses (**Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, and 10:9**) that make up the Roman Road to salvation. These in many ways make up the foundation of our understanding of salvation and are very useful in authoritatively preaching the gospel to those among us who do not yet know Christ.