

“Reflections on Romans”
A Study of the Book of Romans
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Key Truth: The grace of God is his free, undeserved, and abounding gift to us through Jesus Christ.

Think about all we’ve experienced as individuals, as families, and as a church family over the past two years. Our nation, our homes, our workplaces. So much has happened while we studied this letter! Was there ever a time when God’s grace was *not* in play? All we’ve experienced has been washed in the grace – the unmerited favor – of God, and we’ve been washed by Christ in his Word (Eph. 5:26). As we reflect on Paul’s Epistle to the Romans, one word constantly rises to the top: Grace. Romans is saturated with Grace. The word appears 21 times in this book and is present conceptually throughout the letter. We need the Book of Romans because we’re constantly in need of God’s grace.

DISCUSS

Read **Romans 1:1-7** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon entitled “Reflections on Romans.”

DIG IN

1. God’s grace is a Free Gift.

Why is it important that God’s grace is a free gift? In what ways is that different than Adam’s sin (see Rom. 5:15)?

In what ways is God’s grace a saving gift (see Rom. 3:23-24)?

In what ways does God sanctify us by his grace?

How does God manifest his grace to us in our service (see Rom. 12:6-7)?

2. God’s grace is an Undeserved Gift.

Do you agree that God’s grace is an undeserved gift? Why or why not (see Rom. 11:5-6, 36)?

In what ways do we subtly try to “earn” God’s grace, or to suggest that we deserve it?

3. God’s grace is an Abounding Gift.

In what ways does God’s grace abound over sin (see Rom. 5:20-21)?

Read Romans 6:14: What does it mean that we are no longer under the law but under grace? Does that mean we no longer have to obey the law? Why or why not?

Read Romans 16:20: How is it God’s grace that he will soon crush Satan under our feet?

Why is it necessary that the grace of God come through Jesus Christ (see John 1:17)?

DO

What lessons do you learn from these verses that you will take with you throughout the coming week?