

# THE GRACE AWAKENING

THE FREE GIFT

EPHESIANS 2:1-13



## The Heart of the Matter

Grace: God's free and abundant demonstration of love to those who do not deserve it, have not earned it, and cannot repay it. Grace is acceptance without reservation and forgiveness without condemnation and pardon without probation. Even the sinner—lost, lustful, disobedient, and spiritually dead—can be the recipient of this grace . . . unconditionally. What an offer! Grace receives one of its clearest expressions in the New Testament promises regarding Christ's all-sufficient payment for sin at the cross (Romans 5:20–21). Let's seek to understand God's free gift of grace.



## Discovering the Way

### 1. Warning: Heresy on the Loose (Genesis 11)

In the tradition of the wicked people of Babel, many today emphasize what we do for God rather than what He does (and has done) for us.

### 2. Defending: Truth on the Scaffold (Romans 4–5)

God's dealings with Abraham, as related by the apostle Paul, reveal that grace depends on God's work, not human effort. We should think of grace, therefore, as a free gift, not an earned wage.

### 3. Explaining: Grace for the Sinful (Ephesians 2)

The free gift of grace comes to us most significantly as God's solution (salvation) to our condition (sinfulness).



## Starting Your Journey

Remember two truths. First, God doesn't merely pity you; He offers you kindness, love, mercy, and grace. Second, God not only will save you; He offers you His life.



## Tools for Digging Deeper



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