

THE GRACE AWAKENING
THE ROOTS OF A GRACE AWAKENING
ROMANS 4:1–5; 5:1–2; GALATIANS 2:20



The Heart of the Matter

The study of one's generational roots has become popular in the last several decades. Many have spent a lot of time, effort, and money to learn the details of the cultural background of their family history. Knowledge about our origins gives us a deeper sense of our identity—a better awareness of our purpose. It is equally helpful to learn about our spiritual roots, to find out how those spiritual awakenings began, especially the awakenings that helped shape the faith of people who came before us. From those spiritual roots, we can find the direct origins of the grace we embrace today. What we received from our ancestors, they received from their ancestors all the way back to the apostles themselves. But what is the content of that heritage, and how can we make grace a reality in our lives today?



Discovering the Way

1. Reviewing the History of Significant Spiritual Awakenings

The First Great Awakening, a movement of revivals in the 1730s and 1740s, had a deep and lasting impact on American religious life.

2. Explaining the Gospel of a Grace-Based Salvation (Romans 4:1–5; 5:1–2, 6–9)

Grace drives the salvation that comes from God as well as the ongoing life of the Christian.

3. Underscoring the Importance of a Grace-Based Life (Galatians 2:20)

Operating in life according to grace begins with an understanding of our position in Christ and is sustained by our determination to stand firm in our freedom.



Starting Your Journey

When we receive the saving grace of God, we have freedom from divine and human condemnation, freedom from the demands and requirements of the law, freedom from the control and domination of sin, and freedom from the grind and grip of death.



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