



# HOW GOD WORKS IN YOU

## THE GRACE OF GOD

ACTS 22:1-5

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1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.3-5)

2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.1-2)

3. Thoughtfully \_\_\_\_\_

*Acts 22:1 "Brothers and fathers, hear the defense that I now make before you." 2 And when they heard that he was addressing them in the Hebrew language, they became even more quiet. And he said: 3 "I am a Jew, born in Tarsus in Cilicia, but brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God as all of you are this day. 4 I persecuted this Way to the death, binding and delivering to prison both men and women, 5 as the high priest and the whole council of elders can bear me witness. From them I received letters to the brothers, and I journeyed toward Damascus to take those also who were there and bring them in bonds to Jerusalem to be punished. (ESV)*

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **Jeremiah 17:9-10** and **Matthew 15:18-20**. Why do you think people generally avoid introspection and contemplating their sins? What is the danger of trying to ignore sinful impulses and actions?
2. Read **1 John 3:8**. How does this verse and its ties to such large biblical themes help you to see sin for what it is, and begin to rightly consider the importance of what Christ came to do in your life?
3. Read **Romans 5:6-11** and **1 Timothy 1:12-17**. What is the most motivating part of these important passages? What does it prompt you to do? How does it challenge the way you think about God's grace?
4. Read **Psalms 32:3-6**. Why is it important, when considering the topic of God's grace, to underscore this related topic? How would you encourage someone to be responsive to this kind of conviction of the Holy Spirit?
5. Read **Romans 5:20 – 6:4**. How would you describe to someone that God's costly grace granted to us in Christ, if rightly understood, is never an excuse or permission to keep on sinning?

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

- Msg. 02-16 – **How Grace Can Transform Your Ideas about God**
- Msg. 22-20 – **Grace & Works**
- Msg. 19-19 – **White as Snow**
- Msg. 18-37 – **Salvation in Perspective**
- Msg. 12-14 – **Forecast for a Rebellious World**
- Msg. 16-33 – **Grieving over the Sinfulness of Sin**
- Msg. 13-05 – **Loving Enough to Tell the Truth about Hell**

## Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.33-35 & Mt.11
Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21
Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50
Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.41 & Mt.13:1-32
Jan. 18 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.42-43 & Mt.13:33-58
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.44-45 & Mt.14:1-21
Jan. 20 <sup>th</sup> .....	Gen.46-48 & Mt.14:22-36
Jan. 21 <sup>st</sup> .....	Gen.49-50 & Mt.15:1-20

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

- Bavinck, Herman. **Saved by Grace: The Holy Spirit's Work in Calling and Regeneration**. RH Books, 2013.
- Bunyan, John. **Grace Abounding to the Chief of Sinners**. Reprint. Baker Books, 1986.
- Chapell, Bryan. **The Promises of Grace: Living in the Grip of God's Love**. Baker Books, 2001.
- Edwards, Jonathan. **Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God & Pardon for the Greatest of Sinners**. Barbour, 1998.
- Ferguson, Sinclair. **The Grace of Repentance**. Crossway, 2011.
- Grudem, Wayne. **"Free Grace" Theology: Five Ways It Diminishes the Gospel**. Crossway, 2016.
- Packer, J. I. and Mark Dever. **In My Place Condemned He Stood**. Crossway Books, 2008.
- Schreiner, Thomas & Bruce Ware. **Still Sovereign: Perspectives on Election, Foreknowledge & Grace**. Baker, 2000.
- Sproul, R. C. **Faith Alone: The Evangelical Doctrine of Justification**. Baker Books, 1995.
- Spurgeon, C. H. **All of Grace**. Whitaker House, 1985.
- Storms, Sam. **A Dozen Things God Did with Your Sin: And Three Things He'll Never Do**. Crossway, 2022.
- Venning, Ralph. **The Sinfulness of Sin**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1997.
- Vickers, Brian. **Justification by Grace through Faith**. P & R Publishing, 2013.