## I. Appreciating the Diamond of God's Grace. Ephesians 2:1-3

A. Understanding the dark backdrop of human depravity. Cf. Nah.1:2; Matt.3:7; Jn.3:36; Rom.3:10,11,23; 6:23; Rev.6:16,17

B. A definition of grace.

"Grace is the sovereign and saving favor of God exercised in the bestowment of blessings upon those who have no merit in them and for which no compensation is demanded from them. Nay, more: it is the favor of God shown to those who not only have no positive deserts of their own, but who are thoroughly ill-deserving and hell-deserving." A.W. Pink, <u>The Attributes of God</u>

## II. The Multi-Faceted Diamond of God's Grace. Ephesians 2:4-10

- A. Sovereign Grace. vv.4,5 Cf. Rom.9:15,16; 11:6; Eph.1:3-6; 2 Thess.2:13; 2 Tim.1:9
- *B. Incarnate Grace. v.5* Cf. Jn.1:14; Titus 2:11; 1 Pet.1:10
- *C. Costly Grace.* Cf. Rom.8:31,32; Eph.1:7; 1 Jn.4:10
- D. Lavish Grace. vv.4,7 Cf. Rom.5:20,21
- E. Regenerating Grace. v.5 Cf. Jn.3:3-8
- *F. Justifying Grace. vv.8,9* Cf. Rom.3:23-31; Titus 3:5-8
- *G. Sanctifying Grace. v.10* Cf. Acts 20:32; 2 Tim.2:1; Titus 2:11,12; 2 Cor.12:9
- *H. Preserving Grace. vv.6,7* Cf. Rom.5:2; Eph.1:6; 1 Pet.1:3-5; Jude 24
- I. Future Grace. Cf. 1 Pet.1:13