

INTRODUCTION

- * This past week, we celebrated two American holidays (one having historical background; one recent)- Thanksgiving and Black Friday
- * People are rushing to and fro to find "the perfect gift" ... Perfect gifts, though, come from God (cf. James 1: 17)
- * During the next few weeks we will be looking at some of God's perfect gifts!
- * Today, I would like to consider the core of all of God's gifts ... His gift of grace!
 - ... Grace is when we get (in a beneficial sense) what we do not deserve ... God does not owe us anything – we do not deserve His goodness
 - ... God's grace is usually divided into two primary categories: Common Grace and Saving Grace
 - ... yet, as we will see, all of God's grace is redemptive focused

INSTRUCTION

I. GOD'S GIFT OF _____ GRACE

A. In C _____

1. GENERALLY – TO ALL CREATURES (cf. Colossians 1:16-22; Psalm 104)
2. SPECIFICALLY – TO MANKIND (cf. John 1:1-4; Psalm 8:3-8; Matthew 5:43-48; Genesis 1:26-27; 9:5-6)

B. In C _____ (cf. Romans 2:14-15; John 16: 7-11; Isaiah 26:10)

II. GOD'S GIFT OF _____ GRACE

A. Our S_____ation (cf. Ezekiel 18:4; Romans 3:21-24; 6:23; Genesis 6:5-8)

B. Our S_____ation

1. GOD'S PROVISION
 - a. The S_____ of God's Provision (cf. Romans 1:18-21; Titus 2:11-14; I Timothy 2:3-6)
 - b. The P_____ of God's Provision (cf. Romans 5: 8)
 - c. The M_____ of God's Provision (cf. Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 5:1-2, 6-8)
2. MAN'S DECISION (cf. John 3:16; Acts 16:29-34; Romans 10: 9-13)

INTROSPECTION

- * HAVE YOU CONSIDERED THE IMPACT OF GOD'S GRACE IN YOUR LIFE AND IN THE WORLD?
- * HAVE YOU UNWRAPPED GOD'S GIFT OF GRACE TO YOU?
- * HOW CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST ARE YOU IN THIS AREA?

HOW "GRACIOUS" ARE YOU? ARE YOU EXTENDING THE GIFT OF GRACE TO OTHERS?