

## **“REFORMATION: BACK TO THE GOSPEL” Series**

Message #3 of 5

### **“SOLA GRATIA / GRACE ALONE”**

***God’s method of saving humanity has always been through grace, and never through us trying our best.***

John 1:14-18

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#### **1. THE LAW & JESUS**

*“You have heard that it was said ... but I tell you.” – Matthew 5:21, 27, 31, 33, 38, 43*

*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.” – Matthew 5:17*

*“God saved us and called us to a holy life – not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus.” – 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 1:8b-10*

*“The law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.” – Galatians 3:24*

#### **2. GRACE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT**

##### **A. NOAH**

*“But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.” – Genesis 6:8*

##### **B. ABRAHAM & SARAH**

*“And in you, all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” – Genesis 12:3b*

##### **C. THE PSALMS**

*“Grace is poured upon Your lips.” – Psalm 45:2*

*“The Lord will give grace and glory.” – Psalm 84:11*

*“His love endures forever.” – 26 times in Psalm 136*

#### **D. JOSEPH & HIS BROTHERS**

*“God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.” – Genesis 45:7*

*“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good.” – Genesis 50:20*

#### **E. ADAM & EVE**

*“I will put enmity between you (the devil) and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he (Jesus) will crush your head (the devil), and you will strike his heel.” – Genesis 3:15*

*“The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.” – Genesis 3:21*

*“After God drove Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden, God placed on the east side cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.” – Genesis 3:24*

*“God saves no one but sinners, He instructs no one but the foolish and stupid...and He makes alive only the dead.” – Martin Luther*

*“Being good enough for God makes no sense.” – Martin Luther*

*“I would rather live on the verge of falling and let my security be the all-sufficiency of the grace of God than to live in some kind of pietistic illusion of moral excellence -- not that I don't want to be morally excellent, but my faith isn't in the idea that I'm more moral than anybody else. My faith is in the idea that God and His love are greater than whatever sins any of us commit.” – Rich Mullins*