

Entering into Christ: Grace—Colossians 1:3-8

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In this first section of Paul's letter to the Colossians, he thanks God the Father for their entry into Christ, which is predicated upon three essential elements: grace, Word, and faith. All three *must* be present in a person's life for both spiritual birth and spiritual growth. This morning, we examine the first of these essential elements: *grace*.

What is God's grace?

1. It is His unmerited blessing.

2. It is sourced in His love and kindness.

3. It is given to those who deserve punishment instead.

Where does God's grace operate?

1. God's "Common" Grace

2. God's "Special" Grace
 - a. Justification

 - b. Sanctification