

The Free Gift of Grace

Sin comes into the world through _____.

Because of our _____, sin gains a
_____ in our lives.

We _____ into forbidden _____.

The _____ is _____.

Jesus _____.

**God's free gift of grace _____ our
_____.**

GROWTH GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of February 22, 2026

Looking back at your notes from this week's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention? This can be a confusing topic and a confusing passage. Is there something about the sermon that you don't understand? If so, what? Is there something you are still confused about? If Pastor Tim were in your Growth Group, what would you want to ask him and why?

My Story

- 1.** What is your go to movie snack? Is it different when you go to see a movie in the theater versus when you watch a movie at home?

- 2.** What is the best joke you've ever heard? OR What is a joke you tell because it's simple to remember, and you know you'll get the punchline right every time?

- 3.** Do you typically take on a Lenten practice? If so, what have you taken on during this Lenten season? (Share only if you feel comfortable.)

Digging Deeper

4. Let's look at some other places where Paul talks about God's grace as a gift. Read Ephesians 2:1-10. What does Paul compare/contrast "the gift of God" with? Why is this comparison important? How is a gift usually received? How is this different than "boasting" in our own works? How does this lead to a deeper spiritual life?

Read 1 Timothy 4:11-16 & 2 Timothy 1:3-7. What does Paul say is the purpose of the gift given to Timothy? How is it nurtured and rekindled? What is our responsibility concerning the gift God has given us? How do we nurture it and make sure it stays kindled within us?

5. Pastor Tim read part of the story of the fall, but not all of it. Read the entire story in Genesis 3:1-24. Where do we see grace, even in the punishment God decrees? What does this tell us about God? About us? About our relationship with God?

Because of this story, Paul says that sin leads to death. Where do you think Paul gets this idea from in this story? How does this story shape Paul's understanding of sin?

Read 1 Corinthians 15:20-28, 42-49, another place where Paul compares Adam and Jesus. Is Paul hopeful or cynical in this passage? Why? Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. What does Paul call us to do as a result of being in Christ?

Taking It Home

6. What is the best gift a friend or family member has ever given you? What was the reason for this gift? How did it affect you or your life? How did you feel about the giver? What was your response to the giver?

Paul says the free gift of God to us is eternal and abundant life when we should receive death. What is the reason for this gift? How does it affect you or your life? How do you feel about the giver? What should be our response to the giver?

7. Pastor Tim said that Adam's trespass represents all of us, all of our trespasses. Where have you trespassed into territory that belongs to God? How have you not lived as God calls us to live. Share with your Growth Group as you feel comfortable.

On Ash Wednesday, Pastor Tim reminded us that Lent is a time to repent, to turn around and go in the opposite direction from not living as God calls us to live. Pastor Tim also reminded us on Ash Wednesday that the only way we can be honest with God about our transgressions is knowing that God offers us the free gift of grace through Jesus Christ and loves us no matter what.

During this season of Lent, how can you repent from what you listed above? What spiritual disciplines or habits do you need to build into your life to help you go in the opposite direction? How might your Growth Group support you in this Lenten endeavor?