

A New Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10 (Genesis 1 and 2 for background)

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WARM-UP QUESTIONS:

1. Explain what the expression, "Blood is thicker than water" might mean. What might this expanded statement, "The blood of the covenant is thicker than the water of the womb" mean?
2. How would you define "grace"?
3. Name something that has become obsolete in your lifetime. Do you miss it?
4. Do you think the world is a better place now than when you were growing up? Why or why not?

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. How is it that some people can react to grace by refusing it, feeling they don't deserve it, while others embrace it with gratitude? What is each person's mindset?
2. For those that accept grace, how can it breed generosity? What are they generous with? Who are they generous to? Why is generosity important?
3. How has your understanding of grace evolved over the years that you've been a Christian?
4. Pastor Jason says: "We have not yet experienced all the splendor of what it means to be a saved people." What do you think he means by this?

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor Jason shared the illustration of Mary Johnson, who forgave her son's murderer. What did she have to go through to get to the point of almost accepting the murderer as an adopted son?
2. Give an example of grace being given to you by another person, and talk about how it affected you.
3. Pastor Jason encourages us to evolve our understanding of grace to something that doesn't grow old or obsolete, but something active and involved in our lives - what are some of the implications of this journey?
4. Where are we seeing God's active grace in our lives right now?