

October 30, 2016

Series: Grace

Sermon Title: *Circle Yes or No*

Key Scriptures:

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NRSV)

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

The Key:

Recipients to responders

Prevenient grace - PREEMPTS - goes first

Romans 5:8 (NRSV) ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Prevenient grace - PREVENTS - convicts of sin's hold

John 1:9 (NRSV) ⁹The true light, which enlightens *EVERYONE*, was coming into the world.

Romans 1:18-19 (NRSV) ¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of those who by their wickedness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Prevenient grace - EMPOWERS us to respond to God's love

John 6:44 (NRSV) ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day.

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Challenge Questions:

How can you thank God for His unmerited favor?

In what ways can you ask God for the ability to identify, confess and destroy sin's hold in your life?

How can you respond to God's prevenient grace today?

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