**Eastside *Life* Church – February 7, 2015**

**What’s So Amazing About Grace– Part 2**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

*But God, who is* ***rich in mercy****, because of His* ***great love*** *with which He loved us, 5even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (****by grace*** *you have been saved), 6and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding* ***riches of His grace*** *in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8For* ***by grace*** *you have been saved* ***through faith****, and that not of yourselves; it is the* ***gift of God****, 9not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10For we are His workmanship,* ***created in Christ Jesus*** *for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should* ***walk in*** *them.*

* God graciously reaches out to undeserving Gentiles … through His goodness & blessing – the story of David, Solomon & Queen of Sheba. (Psalm 62:1-2,7 / 1 Kings 10:1-9)
* We are blessed to be a blessing (2 Corinthians 3:3 / Romans 2:4)
* The law and grace contrasted: Moses gave, Jesus came (John 1:17)
* Why law given: God’s perfection, man’s inability, solution: Jesus!
* What Jesus did: revealed God as Father: John 17:25-26 / Matt 5:43
* God’s grace is unique – all other religions require effort & striving.
* Where mercy triumphed over judgment: the cross and the undeserving thief: Luke 23:38-43
* When life seems unfair – look to Jesus’ victory over unjust treatment.
* The beautiful exchange – 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Final Word:**

*‘How to grow in God’s grace’*

**2 Peter 1:1- 4**

*2Grace and peace be multiplied to you* ***in the knowledge of God*** *and of Jesus our Lord, 3as His divine power* ***has given to us all things*** *that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4by which have been given to us* ***exceedingly great and precious promises****, that through these you may be* ***partakers of the divine nature****, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*

* Revelation knowledge / divine deposit of power / promises: the pathway

**Notes**

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