

Abram With Lot and Melchizedek

Genesis 13-14

Read Genesis 13.

Abram and Lot separate.

- What do Abram's and Lot's actions tell you about what they loved most?
- In what situation could you set aside selfish demands and respond with God's grace?

Principle: God's grace in us blesses others.

Read Genesis 14:1-16.

Abram rescues Lot.

- How do you see God's grace at work through Abram to do good for many?
- How is God equipping you for spiritual battle in your life and others' lives?

Principle: God's grace equips us for spiritual victory.

Read Genesis 14:17-24.

Abram meets with Melchizedek and Sodom's king.

- In what ways does the Bible say Melchizedek anticipates the person of Jesus Christ?
- How have you seen God's grace (undeserved favor) in your life this week?

Principle: By God's grace, Jesus is our priest and King.

Review Genesis 13-14.

- What from this week's lesson is most impactful to you?

Main truth: The right response to God's grace is thanksgiving and worship.

Scripture Memory Verse

"Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." – Genesis 13:17

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Exploring the Christian Faith

An Attribute of God

from this week's passage

Gracious

Grace is God's kindness to those who do not deserve it. God is slow to anger and longs to forgive people. God's grace in salvation reaches out powerfully to sinful people and makes them alive in Christ when they were dead in sin. God shows grace to all people. He gives life, families, sunshine, rain, music, talents, etc., as good gifts even to people who do not love Him.

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A Basic Truth of the Christian Faith

What is grace?

Grace is God's powerful kindness poured out on the undeserving.¹ God is especially kind to His children, whom He forgives, justifies and adopts forever into His family.² God's grace is poured on His children as He gives them faith and transforms their lives.³

Psalm 145:8-9¹; Ephesians 2:8-9²; Romans 5:1-2³

Think About It

Can we do anything to deserve God's kindness?

No. We are so ruined by sin that we could never deserve God's kindness on our own merit. Nothing we do on our own is good. Even though God loves everyone, no one can love God unless God turns their hearts in saving faith toward Him. All people need God's grace all the time.

God created everyone. Are all people His children?

No. As descendants of Adam, we are separated from God by our sin. Only those who trust Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin are God's children (1 Corinthians 15:22). God graciously adopts everyone who confesses Christ and repents of sin into His family. God gives His Spirit to His children. God's Spirit testifies to His children that they belong to Him (Romans 8:16).

How can we say God is gracious if He does not save all people?

God is gracious in everything He does. God does not owe anyone anything. He gives life, breath, food and everyday pleasures to all He has created. Every good thing in the world is because of God's grace (Acts 14:17). He orders people's lives to give opportunities to seek Him (Acts 17:24-27). God keeps individuals from even worse sin and more severe punishment. He keeps societies from being as bad as they could be (2 Thessalonians 2:7). God establishes governments to exercise authority and prevent anarchy (Romans 13:1). The whole world is full of God's grace.

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