



Today's Message: "Sola Gratia – Grace Alone"

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

That phrase! "by grace you have been saved"

The historical problem addressed by Sola Gratia

The extraordinary intervention of God – in four movements

"you **WERE**"

"but God"

"made us **ALIVE**" "**RAISED** us up" "seated us **WITH** him"

"so that in the **COMING AGES**"

Summing up: This is GRACE. The extraordinary intervention of God in human history and in us.

The gift of faith GIVEN by God's grace

Never MERITED or earned or deserved

Every Christian life God's WORK of art!

Grace—the Artist God at work in us!