

**SOLA - WHAT MATTERS MOST:**

***Grace Alone—Sola Gratia***

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Grace is when God gives us what we do not deserve. In a culture that works on merit, that can be difficult for us to accept! Yet, even if grace goes against our cultural senses, it is a deep spiritual need – for each and every one of us.

**“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.” — Matthew 20:1-2**

**My Next Step(s):**

- I will thank God that I am released from my burden of performance.
- I will receive with gratitude God’s underserved and free gift of Grace!
- I will not be jealous or otherwise begrudge others of receiving God’s grace.
- I will strive to be gracious to those who are indebted to me.

**Memory Verse:** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9, NIV

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Faith

| Scripture

| God





Solus Christus: **Christ** Alone  
Sola Gratia: **Grace** Alone  
Sola Fide: **Faith** Alone  
Sola Scriptura: **Scripture** Alone  
Soli Deo Gloria: To **God's Glory** Alone



The background is an abstract, blurred composition of various colors. Warm tones like orange, red, and yellow are prominent on the left side, while cooler tones like teal, green, and blue dominate the right side. The overall effect is a sense of motion and depth, with the colors appearing to flow and blend together.

Sola Gratia: **Grace** Alone













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For a split second I thought this branch was a legit super tarantula, but like, since it's 2020, I wasn't startled, I just thought, "wow, I guess super tarantulas are in play now"





This is why Nevada is taking so long.  
"One...one vote. Ah! Ah! Ah!  
Two...two votes! Ah! Ah! Ah!"

07:39 AM



**BREAKING NEWS**

**Counting Expert Called In**



























When everyone is getting off the zoom call but you're struggling to find the leave meeting button so then it's just you and the host









2020 keeps walking  
back in like:





The background is an abstract composition of diagonal streaks and brushstrokes in various colors, including shades of brown, orange, red, yellow, green, and blue. The colors are blended together, creating a sense of movement and depth. The text is centered over this background.

Sola Gratia: **Grace** Alone



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MATTHEW 20:1-7



<sup>5</sup> So they went. He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. <sup>6</sup> About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' <sup>7</sup> 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'"

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MATTHEW 20:8-10



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<sup>11</sup> “When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. <sup>12</sup> ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’”

MATTHEW 20:11-12



<sup>13</sup> “He answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ <sup>14</sup> Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. <sup>15</sup> Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because **I am generous?**’”

MATTHEW 20:13-15



# LESSONS ON GRACE





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#1

Grace is not based  
on merit.





“Are you envious because **I am**  
**generous?**”

MATTHEW 20:15







# LESSONS ON GRACE

#2

Grace is appreciated by  
sinners.





*For in the gospel the  
righteousness of  
God is revealed—a  
righteousness that is  
by faith from first to  
last, just as it is  
written: “The  
righteous will live by  
faith.” - Rom. 1:17*





My situation was that,  
although an impeccable  
monk, I stood before God  
as a sinner troubled in  
conscience, and I had no  
confidence that my merit  
would assuage Him.  
Therefore I did not love a  
just angry God, but rather  
hated and murmured  
against Him. ...





*Thereupon I felt myself to  
be reborn and to have  
gone through open  
doors into paradise. The  
whole of Scripture took  
on a new meaning, ...  
This passage of Paul  
became to me a gate  
to heaven..."*

*- Martin Luther*



<sup>41</sup> “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had **the bigger debt forgiven**.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

LUKE 7:41-43



# LAW & GOSPEL

The image features a white horizontal header bar at the top, containing the text "LAW & GOSPEL" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the header, the background is a blurred, abstract landscape with warm, earthy tones of orange, red, and yellow, suggesting a sunset or autumn foliage. The overall composition is simple and modern.



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**Law** – Shows us our sin and brokenness. It shows us what we have **earned and deserve.**



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**Law** – Shows us our sin and brokenness. It shows us what we have earned and deserve.

**Gospel** – Shows us God's **grace**. What God gives us that **Jesus earned** on the cross...for us!



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EPHESIANS 2:8-9



