

Resistible Grace

God has given us "grace upon grace". Sadly, we have the power to resist that gift. God is strong where we are weak, and God's grace is sufficient for every need, but we have to let go of our resistance in order to receive it. The graces -- prevenient, justifying, sanctifying and perfecting -- are there to take us inwardly to the person God has always planned for us to become.

1st Step

John 15:1-11

Colossians 1:9-14

Ephesians 4:1; 22-24

Step In

Last week we talked about unconditional love. Have you been aware of unconditional love in your life this past week?

Prevenient grace means God has chosen *us* and that he extends His grace to us long before we choose Him. What helps you to know God has chosen you?

Step Up

Justifying grace is when we accept Christ as our Lord & Savior. He receives and forgives us in spite of our sin. How have you experienced the justifying grace of God?

Sanctifying grace is the way God sustains us on our journey and empowers us to resist sin. It's about living in accordance with God's will. How do we assert our own will in place of God's? Why?

Step Out

God's gift of free will gives us the ability to say *yes* to God, but we can also say *no*. We can reject God's love and the relationship that He offers us.

Read Ephesians 4:22-24. What spiritual disciplines or practices can we put into place that will help us to say "Yes" to God?

Sermon Notes