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THE SPARK

MODULE 2 — GOD'S GRACE

Discovering the Love That Has Always Been Pursuing You

Module Overview

Before we ever sought God, He was already seeking us.

Long before you opened a Bible, prayed your first prayer, or began this journey through THE SPARK, God was at work in your life. His love has never depended on your ability to earn it, deserve it, or even understand it. It has always been His gift.

Module 2 is about discovering the heart of God.

Many people begin their faith journey believing Christianity is about following rules or becoming a better person. The Bible tells a different story. Christianity begins with a God who loves us so deeply that He reaches toward us first.

This module explores God's grace—His unearned love, mercy, and favor—and how that grace transforms every part of our lives.

By the end of this module, you'll understand that your relationship with God is built on His grace, not your performance.

**"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."
Ephesians 2:8–9**

Learning Objectives

By the end of Module 2, you will:

- Understand God's unconditional love.

- Learn what grace is and why it is central to Christianity.
 - Discover how God has been working in your life before you recognized Him.
 - Understand the Wesleyan understanding of prevenient, saving, and sanctifying grace.
 - Begin living from God's grace instead of striving to earn His acceptance.
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Lesson 2 — Understanding God's Love

Theme

God's love is the foundation of everything He does.

Key Scriptures

- John 3:16–17
 - Romans 5:8
 - 1 John 4:7–19
 - Psalm 103:8–13
 - Luke 15:11–32
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Big Idea

God doesn't love you because you've earned it.

He loves you because love is His very nature.

Introduction

Everyone longs to be loved.

We spend much of our lives searching for acceptance, belonging, and purpose. Sometimes we look for those things in relationships, careers, accomplishments, or possessions. Yet none of these can fully satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart.

The Bible reveals that we were created for a relationship with God. That is why our hearts continue searching until they find Him.

God's love is not based on your successes or failures. It is not withdrawn when you make mistakes or strengthened when you perform well. His love is constant because His character never changes.

The greatest demonstration of that love is Jesus Christ.

God Loved You First

Many people imagine that they found God.

The truth is, God found us first.

Scripture repeatedly shows God taking the initiative.

He called Abraham.

He pursued Moses.

He sought David.

Jesus called His disciples.

The Father welcomed the prodigal son home before the son could prove himself.

God's love always moves first.

"We love because He first loved us."

— 1 John 4:19

God's Love Is Personal

God doesn't simply love humanity as a whole.

He loves you personally.

He knows:

- Your name.
- Your story.
- Your questions.
- Your fears.
- Your hopes.
- Your future.

Nothing surprises Him.

Nothing causes Him to stop loving you.

God's Love Changes Lives

When people truly understand God's love, everything changes.

Fear begins to disappear.

Hope begins to grow.

Forgiveness becomes possible.

Healing begins.

Purpose becomes clearer.

God's love doesn't merely make us feel better.

It transforms us from the inside out.

Reflection

1. When have you most experienced unconditional love?
 2. How is God's love different from human love?
 3. What makes it difficult to believe God loves you completely?
 4. Which Scripture in this lesson speaks to you most?
 5. How would your life change if you fully trusted God's love?
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Weekly Challenge

This week:

- ✓ Read 1 John.
 - ✓ Write down three ways you've experienced God's love.
 - ✓ Thank God every day for one specific blessing.
 - ✓ Memorize John 3:16.
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Prayer

Father,

Thank You for loving me before I ever knew You.

Help me understand Your love more deeply and trust that nothing can separate me from it.
Remove the fear that tells me I must earn Your acceptance, and teach me to live confidently as
Your beloved child.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Memory Verse

"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

Lesson 3 — What Is Grace?

Theme

Grace is God's undeserved gift that meets us where we are and transforms us into who He created us to be.

Key Scriptures

- Ephesians 2:8–10
 - Titus 2:11–14
 - Romans 3:21–26
 - John 1:14–17
 - Philippians 2:13
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Big Idea

Grace is not merely something God gives.

Grace is how God relates to us.

Introduction

One of the most beautiful words in Christianity is **grace**.

Grace means receiving something wonderful that we did not earn and could never deserve.

It is God's free gift of love, forgiveness, mercy, and power.

Grace is not a reward for good people.

Grace is God's invitation to every person.

The Journey of Grace

Prevenient Grace

Before we knew God...

God already knew us.

Before we sought Him...

He was drawing us toward Himself.

This is called **prevenient grace**.

The word *prevenient* means "to come before."

God's Holy Spirit works in every person's life, awakening hearts, creating spiritual hunger, stirring questions, and preparing people to respond to Jesus.

Think of it as the gentle invitation of God.

He never forces us.

He lovingly calls us.

Saving Grace

When we respond to God's invitation with faith in Jesus Christ, we experience **saving grace**.

Saving grace brings:

- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- New life
- Adoption into God's family
- Eternal hope

Salvation is entirely God's gift.

It cannot be earned through good works.

Sanctifying Grace

God's work doesn't end when we become Christians.

He continues changing us.

This ongoing transformation is called **sanctifying grace**.

Through the Holy Spirit, God shapes us to become more like Jesus.

This transformation happens day by day.

Sometimes quickly.

Sometimes slowly.

But God never stops working in those who trust Him.

Living by Grace

Living by grace means:

- Accepting God's forgiveness.
- Extending forgiveness to others.
- Depending on God's strength.
- Growing every day.
- Trusting God more than ourselves.

Grace doesn't encourage spiritual laziness.

Grace empowers spiritual growth.

Reflection

1. Which type of grace is easiest for you to understand?
 2. Which is most difficult?
 3. Can you identify moments when God may have been drawing you before you recognized Him?
 4. How does knowing salvation is a gift affect your relationship with God?
 5. Where do you need God's sanctifying grace today?
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Weekly Challenge

- ✓ Read Ephesians chapters 1–2.
 - ✓ Journal about times you now recognize God's hand in your life.
 - ✓ Thank God each day for His grace.
 - ✓ Show grace intentionally to someone this week.
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Prayer

Gracious Father,

Thank You for pursuing me long before I knew You.

Thank You for saving me through Jesus Christ and for continuing to shape me into His image.

Help me rely on Your grace each day instead of my own strength. Teach me to extend the same grace to others that You have so generously given to me.

Continue Your good work in my life.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Memory Verse

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God."

Ephesians 2:8–9

Module 2 Wrap-Up

Grace is the beginning, the middle, and the end of the Christian life.

God's love reached for you before you reached for Him. Through Jesus Christ, He offers forgiveness, new life, and the ongoing work of transformation through the Holy Spirit.

As you continue through THE SPARK, remember this truth: you are not walking toward God's love—you are walking **in** God's love.

In **Module 3**, you'll discover the person at the center of God's plan of redemption: **Jesus Christ**—who He is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him every day.