

**Message Summary:** God's grace has provided everything through the sacrifice of Jesus. God anticipated every need you could ever have and has met those needs through Jesus before you existed. **That's grace. This is nearly too good to be true because there is absolutely nothing we can do to earn it and nothing we can do to lose it.** Our part is simple: We respond to His grace by faith and appropriate what has already been accomplished. Put your faith in what God has already done for you, and you have the victory that overcomes the world (1 John 5:4).

## **Living in the Balance of Grace & Faith**

### **Ephesians 2:8,9**

1. **Grace is God's part.**

The word *grace* means unmerited, unearned, undeserved favor.

2. **Faith is your part.**

*Faith* is defined as being a positive response to what God has already provided by grace.

3. **Grace and Faith work together.**

God has already done His part; it is now up to you to receive the truth by faith and make it a reality in your life.

### **LifeGroup Questions**

BEGIN IT (5min) – Time spent in praise and opening prayer.

OPEN IT (5min) – If you were setting the standards for who gets into heaven, what requirements would you establish?

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday's sermon outline together. Stop at each point allowing people to share their additional comments or notes taken while listening to the sermon. Now answer these questions:

1. When have you shown mercy to a person who deserved to be punished?
2. How would you describe God's grace to you?
3. Why hasn't anyone deserved God's grace, mercy, or riches?
4. What has the grace of God brought you?

5. How can you show God your appreciation for His mercy and grace in leading you to the path of eternal life?

APPLY IT (15min) – God’s grace through Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago has provided salvation, healing, financial provision, and everything else we need, **but if we don’t respond in faith** to what has been provided by grace, we won’t receive. What specific changes do you need to make in your lifestyle in order to activate your faith and receive God’s daily provisions?