



## **SOLA: GRATIA**

October 23, 2022

**Speaker:** Dr. Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** John 5:8-11

**Sermon Overview:** Love is our business card. Faith is our credit card. Grace is our gift card; it's the unmerited/undeserved favor of God that can only be received as a gift.

### **Sermon Series Questions:**

1. What areas do you find yourself deconstructing right now?
2. Where are you at in the reconstruction process? What are your anchors?
3. What did Paul mean by Philippians 2:12 that says, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling?"

### **Sermon Specific Questions:**

1. There are three types or 'flavors' of grace.
  - Common | vanilla - the air we breathe, the food we eat, the sunrise...any blessing short of salvation
  - Saving | Brown Butter Almond Butter - we are saved by grace through faith
  - Sanctifying | Rocky Road - special, sufficient, extra measure, sustaining...gifted to me beyond my ability

What flavor(s) of grace do you see, discern God extending to you in your daily life?

2. Similar to the story Pastor Mark shared about when he broke his grandfather's fossil, he received an encounter of grace that was unexpected, and it transformed his life. When have you encountered unexpected grace in your life?
3. We are made in the image of God; we are His workmanship. The genesis of common grace is common identity and it leads to common good. We are a work in process. Share a story of where you have leaned into the grace card, (of either receiving it or giving it to others).

### **Digging Deeper:**

- Discern the lessons that are in the gift of grace. Record in a journal...discern how God is moving beneath the surface in situations and circumstances. How have those experiences shaped you?
- Look for the ways you can continue to grow in grace; see the situations and circumstances as opportunities to grow in grace, receiving grace for yourself and extending grace to others.

### **Practical Application:**

- House of Prayer - meets Thursdays at 7:14 pm at Capital Turnaround. Join us every Thursday beginning Sept. 8 at Capital Turnaround. Visit [ncc.re/houseofprayer](https://ncc.re/houseofprayer) for more details.
- Upper Room is a new community space dedicated solely to prayer. All are welcome. Upper Room prayer sets are at the Capital Turnaround (8th and L St. entrance).
- Join in Focused Prayer Set Times (visit times at [ncc.re/hop](https://ncc.re/hop)):
  - Tuesdays, 9am in the Upper Room
  - Wednesdays: Virtually 7:14 am on [Upper Zoom](#) (use link to fill out the form and see dates) and 7:14am in person at Upper Room
  - Thursdays: 12pm visit times at [ncc.re/hop](https://ncc.re/hop)
- Download the NCC app or visit [ncc.re/daily](https://ncc.re/daily) to listen to short, daily teachings M-F accompanying this series.
- Join a small group [ncc.re/groups](https://ncc.re/groups) to discover ways you can use your talents and passions to serve the various church campuses in-person and online.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).