

God's Amazing Grace

July 17: God's grace is FOREVER

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

-Ephesians 1:13b-14

Discussion Questions:

1. God's grace lasts forever, and nothing can snatch us from his hand. Read Romans 8: 32-39. Nothing can break that promise, so let's face our fears. Here are categories of things people think might separate us from God's love. Go through the list, and name the things you fear might cause God to turn away from you.

Sins

Worries/Anxieties

Addictions

Something in your past

Something in your future

A dark secret you are holding

Your failures

Your desires

2. After listing those fears, hear this promise from Jesus in John 10: 27-30—"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all^[c]; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. ³⁰ I and the Father are one."

To your ears, what are the best words or phrases in Jesus' promise here?

If no one will snatch Jesus' people out of his hands, are you able to somehow "ruin everything" yourself?

3. The apostle Paul writes that the same God "who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion" (Philippians 1:6). Again, that is a promise—a guarantee. Dream about the good work's completion. What aspects of your character do you most want to see transformed? What excites when you envision becoming fully the person God created you to be? Share some ideas, and then pray that God continues His work in you as He has promised.