



**What is grace?** We sometimes sing, “Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!” Several New Testament letters begin with “Grace to you.” In **1 Peter 5:10**, our Creator is called “the God of all grace.” But what is grace?

Here’s a good place to begin: we’re given new answers to **“What is grace?”** every single day. Listen to the apostle Paul in **Acts 17**:

“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ ... ‘In him we live and move and have our being’ ... ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’” (**17:24-28**)



In **Matthew 5:45**, Jesus taught us that our Father in heaven “makes his sun rise on the \_\_\_\_\_ and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the \_\_\_\_\_.”

Do you see that? Every day, God makes *his* sun rise on people who choose to disobey him. Every single day, God shows grace. What is grace? Grace is:

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**Lamentations 3:22-23** summarizes it well:

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new \_\_\_\_\_ morning; great is your faithfulness.

**For Class & Family Discussion:**

- If you “deserve” something, what does that mean?
- Or, if you’re given something that you *don’t* deserve... can you think of any examples?
- What are “blessings?”
- When Paul describes God as “Lord of heaven and earth” (**Acts 17:24-25**), what does he mean?
- Let’s think through what God gives to all mankind:
  - Life...
  - Breath...
  - Everything...
- Let’s go back and read **Matthew 5:43-45**. Why does God let “the evil” enjoy his sun and “the unjust” receive his rain?
- So, does that mean we can just keep disobeying God without any consequences? Let’s read **Acts 17:30-31**...
- What little signs of God’s grace—given “new every morning”—are you most thankful for?