

What is grace? Last Sunday we listened to the apostle Paul in Acts 17 as he preached that God "gives to all mankind life and breath and everything" (17:25). Every single day we receive undeserved blessings from our Father in heaven. That's grace. But if we keep reading in Acts 17, there's more we need to see:

"The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to ..." (17:30)

All people? Everywhere? That includes me. Have you ever walked out of a one-way door? Maybe it looks like this when you're walking out of it...

...but if you suddenly realize you've gone through the



wrong door and you turn around to get back in, there's no handle and you're locked out! Unless someone opens the door, you *can't* get back in! That's how Paul describes our biggest problem—sin—in Romans 5:6-8. Pay careful attention to the undeserved blessing in Romans 5:2:

Through we have	ve also obtained
by faith into this	in which we stand, and
we rejoice in hope of the	he glory of God.

Jesus opens the door we couldn't open on our own—that's grace. "The grace of God has appeared," but I have to be willing to walk through that door back to God. What's that look like? Titus 2:11-14 puts it this way:

## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Let's think through those three words the video ended with from Titus 2:11-14:
  - Turn...
  - Serve...
  - Wait...
- Do you remember Jesus' parable of the prodigal son?
  Let's open our Bibles to Luke
  15:11-24 and read it together.
  - How did that son get himself in so much trouble?
  - What undeserved blessing did his father give him?
- Ephesians 2:8-9 would also be helpful to read...
  - "And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God."
    What makes "gifts" so special?
  - "For by grace you have been saved through faith."
    Why is faith so important?
- "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father" (James 1:17). What gifts are you thankful for?