

What does it mean to share God's Common Grace with your neighbor?

What does it mean to share God's Saving Grace with your neighbor?

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" John 13:24-35

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" John 15:13

"This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him." 1 John 4:9

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:11-12

Notes...

ATTRIBUTES

A series exploring the attributes of God and discovering what they tell us about knowing Him

Part 1 – The Love of God. Psalm 145, John 15:9-15

Psalm 145

- 1** I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name for ever and ever.
- 2** Every day I will praise you
and extol your name for ever and ever.
- 3** Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
his greatness no one can fathom.
- 4** One generation commends your works to another;
they tell of your mighty acts.
- 5** They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—
and I will meditate on your wonderful works.[b]
- 6** They tell of the power of your awesome works—
and I will proclaim your great deeds.
- 7** They celebrate your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your righteousness.
- 8** The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
- 9** The Lord is good to all;
he has compassion on all he has made.
- 10** All your works praise you, Lord;
your faithful people extol you.
- 11** They tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your might,
- 12** so that all people may know of your mighty acts
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures through all generations.
The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises
and faithful in all he does.[c]

14 The Lord upholds all who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.

16 You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

17 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and faithful in all he does.

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and saves them.

20 The Lord watches over all who love him,
but all the wicked he will destroy.

21 My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name
for ever and ever.

The love of God shown to all mankind is called Common Grace

Matthew 5:45

Write a few examples of Common Grace in your life...

The love of God is shared through his benevolence to all mankind in his
Common Grace

Acts 14:17

The love of God for those who call on him, fear him and love him is called
Saving Grace Psalm 145:18-19

9 “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. **10** If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. **11** I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. **12** My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. **13** Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. **14** You are my friends if you do what I command. **15** I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

John 15:9-15

Jesus taught: ‘Do what I say and you’ll come to know who I am.’

We’ve turned that into ‘Believe who he is and you don’t have to do what he said.’ John Ortberg

The love of God is found in the fullness of joy in obedience to his son Jesus
John 15:11

This love of God (Saving Grace) is shared only with those who call on him,
who trust him, and who love him in his son Jesus John 15:10

What can be more properly called love to any being or anything
than to place one’s happiness in that thing, causing the good of another
now to be your good?” Jonathan Edwards