

# The Grace & Love of God

## INTRODUCTION

The doctrines of grace are a pure expression of God's love and grace. In the previous lecture, Dr. Lawson introduced five characteristics of the doctrines of grace to begin our study through the New Testament. In this lecture, Dr. Lawson continues his introduction by offering seven more characteristics of the doctrines of grace to show the coherent arrangement and rich theological content of the doctrines of grace.

## LEARNING GOALS

When you have finished this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the logical and theological order of the doctrines of grace
- Understand what the doctrines of grace reveal about the character of God
- Name seven primary characteristics of the doctrines of grace

## KEY IDEAS

- The doctrines of grace are arranged purposely in a logical progression of thought that also follows a theological progression related to the Trinity.
- The doctrines of grace are inseparably connected, founded on the sovereignty of God, and prominently featured throughout the New Testament.
- The doctrines of grace reveal not only God's power but also God's gracious love.

## REFLECTION & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Before the Video

*What Do You Think?*

Take a moment to answer the following questions. They will prepare you for the lecture.

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- Is it possible for the elect not to be saved? Why or why not?
  - To what degree did you understand the various doctrines of grace when God saved you? Why is it important to be able to articulate the doctrine of grace?

### *Scripture Reading*

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. . . . He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.*

—John 1:1–4, 10–13

- What does this passage reveal about Jesus? What does this passage reveal about how someone becomes a child of God?

### During the Video

Answer the following questions while you watch the video. They will guide you through the lecture.

#### *The Perfections of Grace*

0:00–9:28

- In what ways are the doctrines of grace ordered or categorized?
- What doctrine ultimately serves as the foundation for the doctrines of grace?

#### *The Undeniable Love of God*

9:28–24:32

- In what parts of the New Testament are the doctrines of grace found?
- What does Dr. Lawson mean by the doctrines of grace being “broadly inclusive”?
- What did Christ accomplish on the cross?

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- What did Dr. Lawson assert is the only thing we contribute to our salvation?

#### After the Video

Answer the following questions after you have finished the lecture. They will help you identify and summarize the major points.

- What are the implications of the prominence of the doctrines of grace in the teachings of the New Testament?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- How do the doctrines of grace demonstrate God's love?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- In this lecture and the previous lecture, Dr. Lawson identified twelve characteristics of the doctrines of grace. Which of these do you consider the most interesting or important?

#### PRAYER

Commit what you have learned from God's Word in this lesson to prayer.

- Praise God for making the doctrines of grace so prevalent in His Word.
- Confess your slothfulness in reading the Word of God in a spirit of thankfulness.
- Thank God that He did not spare even His only Son to lovingly save you.
- Ask God to deepen your appreciation for His love for you in Christ.