

GRACE! GRACE! IT'S ALL OF GRACE!

Genesis 3:14-24 – Pastor Nick Thompson

I. God alone initiates our salvation (vv. 14-15a).

- A. God promises the serpent's defeat (v. 14).
- B. God promises the woman's deliverance (v. 15a).

II. God alone accomplishes our salvation (vv. 15b, 21-24).

- A. God verbally declares this accomplishment (v. 15b).
- B. God graphically pictures this accomplishment (vv. 21-24).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is meant by the Latin term *Sola Gratia*? How do our creatureliness and corruption teach us that salvation must be by God's grace alone?
2. What does it mean to initiate something? How does God show in this story that He is the One who initiates our salvation?
3. Why is it good news that God is bringing about continual enmity or warfare between the serpent's children and Eve's children? Can you give an example of this enmity playing itself out in history?
4. Who is the son of Eve that God promised would come to crush the serpent's head? How did He defeat Satan?
5. Why did God clothe Adam and Eve? What was he saying to them and us by this act?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Am I a proud Calvinist or a proud Orthodox Presbyterian? How ought the doctrines of grace to produce a deeper humility in me?
2. Has the knowledge of my own creatureliness and corruption led me to see my absolute dependence upon God's grace if ever I would be saved?
3. Am I a spiritual descendent of Eve? Does my life evidence that I have been delivered from the serpent's household?