

Session 3: Salvation.

What's so amazing about grace?

ROMANS 3.21–4.25

KEY VERSE:

'All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.'

ROMANS 3.24 (NIV)

Key themes

- Redemption
- Justification is a free gift
- Crossing over from judgement to family
- Substitutionary atonement
- Our courageous walk of faith
- Our grateful response to grace

Possible issues

HOW CAN JESUS' DEATH COVER SINS FOR ALL TIME, INCLUDING OLD TESTAMENT BELIEVERS?

Response: By offering sacrifices in faith, the people of the Old Testament demonstrated their faith in Christ, the superior, once-for-all sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

HOW CAN WE BE ADVENTUROUS LIKE ABRAHAM? SOME MAY QUESTION THAT GOD CALLS THEM.

Response: Some people may sense a calling from God to move to a new area, to start a new ministry, to serve his people in a particular way. This should be carefully tested, prayed through and discussed with trusted friends. Others may simply sense God calling them to serve him where they currently are through their area of work, their church or local community and by being generous with time and resources.

Wrap up

- In summary: Through Christ's sacrifice, God sets us free from guilt and welcomes us into his family. It's all a gift! Now we can live grateful and adventurous lives by faith
- Reminder of daily readings (see participants' guide)
- Next session: Peace. How can we find rest in a stressful world?

SUGGESTED OUTLINE

- Refreshments
- Welcome and introduction
(3 minutes)
- Course review
(1 minute)
- Discussion starter questions: When have you had something for free that you didn't deserve? Who paid? How did you feel?
(3 minutes)
- Video part 1
(12 mins)
- Discussion time (questions in participants' guide)
(20 minutes)
- Video part 2
(12 minutes)
- Personal reflection
(10 minutes)