

**Sermon Based Study Questions for 12.21.2014**  
**The Gifts of Christmas: The Gift That Keeps on Giving**  
**Ephesians 2:8-9, James 4:6**

Advent means "arrival". In the weeks leading up to Christmas we anticipate celebrating the arrival of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to be our Savior. During Advent this year we are going to unwrap five gifts given to us by God our Father with the arrival of His Son. We already unwrapped the gifts of Expectancy and Adoption. Today we are opening...

**Gift #3 - Grace**

Ice Breaker Questions – (choose one to answer/ask)

- Talk about a time when you received something you didn't deserve.
- Share about a time when you didn't get something you thought you did deserve.

Opening Questions

- Is there anything from Sunday's sermon that really stood out, made an impression, challenged or confused you?
- Which aspect of grace, when we get what we don't deserve or when we don't get what we do deserve, is most meaningful to you?
- Who is the most gracious person you know? What makes you say that about them?
- Why should grace motivate us to share it with others?
- Do you lean more towards Grace or Truth in your personality?
- In which area of life are you most prideful?

Bible Study

Ephesians 2:8-9; James 4:6

- In our passage, how does salvation come to us?  
What are the implications of this (v.8a)?
- What two things are referred to as the "gift of God" (v.8b)?
- Why would works cause us to boast (v.9)?
- What is so wrong with boasting in our salvation?
- Why is humility required for grace (James 4:6)?

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## Application

- In what area of your life do you need God's grace in greater amounts? Ask Him to fill that area with His grace.
- Who do you need to give the gift of grace to? Give it!

Scripture to memorize – James 4:6



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