

Pastor Ron Sermon Notes

Title: "Three Words Christians Need to Know"

Special Needs Sunday June 7, 2026, at CC I June 14, 2026 @ PS

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Scripture Passages: Ephesians 2:4-10, Psalm 139:13-16

3 Words to learn and understand:

Grace (God's grace rescues us)

Grace is a Gift of God and from God (Eph 2:8)

Faith (Eph 2:8)

Saves (Eph 2:8) us from the penalty of sin and ultimately the power of sin.

Strengthens – it is by God's grace we live (II Tim. 2:1)

Liberates us – Grace because we are no longer under the law, but under grace (Rom 6:14)

Matures us (II Peter 3:18)

Workmanship (Handiwork)

Imago Dei – created in God's image! Given an eternal spirit

Genesis 2:7 – God created mankind different than animals and plants – intellect, reason, wisdom, joy.

Philippians 1:6 – God began a good work in each one of us that know Him.

Isaiah 64:8 – He is the Potter, we are the clay, we are all the work of His hand.

Good Works – we should walk in good works

Proverbs 3:27 – do not withhold good from whom it is due, when you have the power to do it.

Hebrews 10:24-25 – stir one another up to love and good deeds.

Matthew 25:40 – our hearts are transformed with compassion to serve because of Jesus' love.

Galatians 6:10 – use your opportunities to do good especially to the household of faith

Do it scared if you must – just do it! Take a step of faith and if you're not serving, consider where the needs are and jump in!

[Good Works you can start today](#)

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Sermon Discussion Questions

Scripture Passages: Ephesians 2:4-10, Psalm 139:13-16, 2 Timothy 2 :1, Romans 6:14, 2 Peter 3:18, Proverbs 3:27, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 25:40, Galatians 6:10

Before opening discussion, have different members of your group read the scriptures above aloud.

1. Discuss what we learn about the character and nature of God from these passages. What takeaways did you have from the baptisms, the stories of our special needs families &/or the sermon ?
2. What are the three words that Pastor Ron said we all need to know, and define what they mean?
3. According to Ephesians 2:4-9, what all does God's grace accomplish in our lives that we could never accomplish on our own?
4. It's important that we remember grace is a gift from God. Why is it vital to be mindful and encourage one another in the truth that salvation is received rather than earned?
5. Psalm 139 teaches that God intentionally created each of us. How does knowing you are "fearfully and wonderfully made" affect the way you view yourself? What does ***Imago Dei*** mean to you when you consider our small group, your neighbors, your co-workers and the people helping sanctify us?
6. Ephesians 2:10 calls believers God's workmanship. What does this word communicate about God's ongoing work in your life?
7. How does understanding God's grace motivate us to serve others differently than serving out of obligation, guilt, or duty?
8. According to Proverbs 3:27, Hebrews 10:24-25, Matthew 25:40, and Galatians 6:10, what are some practical examples of "good works" that followers of Christ can walk in today? How can we as a small group stir one another up to love and good deeds in our neighborhood this week?

For Next Steps | Applying This Week's Message

- **Memorize Ephesians 2: 1-10 this** month and spend time each day thanking God for His gift of salvation and asking Him to strengthen you through His grace.
- **Start off your day by reading Psalm 139 aloud every day this week.**
- **Prayerfully consider and identify** one way God has uniquely shaped you and consider how He might use that gift to encourage or bless someone this week.
- **Choose one intentional act of service this week**—whether helping an elderly neighbor, visiting folks at a nursing home, sending a prayer card to a group member or missionary, serving at church, or exploring opportunities with our Special Needs Ministry.