Intro: ____________ Alone.

A. The Scriptures declare that because human beings are born spiritually dead they are incapable of even cooperating with the regenerating grace of God; and that God's _________ in Christ is not merely necessary to salvation, but is the efficient ___________ of the salvation of men.

B. When we speak of “Grace Alone” we refer to the fact that in salvation one is rescued from God's wrath by God's grace alone. It is the ______________ work of the Holy Spirit that brings us to Christ by releasing us from our bondage to sin and raising us from spiritual death to spiritual life.

C. We deny that salvation is in any sense a human work. Human methods, techniques or strategies by themselves cannot accomplish this transformation. ___________ is not produced by our unregenerated human nature, but only _____ God's ______________.

Ephesians 2:1-9

I. Five Questions:

A. According to verse 5, by what _______ have we been saved? God's ___________!

B. According to verse 8, how does this grace come to us? It is a ___________ of God.

C. According to verse 4, what is God's _____________ in showing us such grace? He ______________ us.

D. According to verse 5, what was our ___________ when He made us alive together with Christ? We were ______________ in our transgressions.

E. According to verse 9, what can _____ _________ say about his being saved? “That he ___________ for it.

II. What's the ______________?

A. The problem is that at the least, the grace of God is vastly _____________ appreciated. But much more alarming is that the lack of appreciation of the grace of God comes because church does not comprehend the sovereign _____________ of God in salvation at all and has turned her attention to what she is doing for God, rather than what _________ has done for her!

B. People don’t want to hear that they are saved by grace alone for that indicates that they are ___________________, owing, and fundamentally at God's _____________.

1. Facing God's grace makes us face the depth of our ________________. The humanistic mind revolts and refuses to accept that man, without God, is utterly, completely, and _______________ in their sin.

2. If we intend to comprehend the magnitude of the _____________ of God (which in turn will bring us to appreciate the grace of God as we must), we will need to begin to comprehend the opposing depth of our _________________.

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III. The __________________ of sin.

A. Sin is sinful because it __________________ mankind making him
to address God. A man can only address God according to God's grace. (cf. Psalm 51)

B. Sin is __________________ in its corruption. Man is born in sin (iniquity) and therefore
by nature sins (transgresses the law of God - committing transgression) in all he does and
sins (missing the mark of God's righteousness) in all that he ought to do. (cf. Psalm 51)

C. Sin is so sinful that it ______________ its captive keeping them from realizing the truth
of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4 says that “the god of this world has blinded the
of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the
of Christ, who is the image of God.”

D. ______________ 3:10-18 expresses the sinfulness of sin:

1. Verse 10, “No one is righteous, _________ even _________; ...”

2. Verse 11a, “There is no one who ______________________, ...!”
   a. 1 Corinthians 2:14, “But a natural man (that is a man who has not been regenerated by
   the Spirit of God) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to
   him, and he _______________ understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

3. Verse 11b, “No one ______________ ________________!”
   a. Titus 3:3, “For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived,
   ______________ to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy,
hateful, hating one another.”

4. Verse 12 of Romans 3, “All have turned aside, together they have become
______________; There is ______________ who does ______________, There is not even one. "

5. Verses 13 & 14, "Their throat is an open _______________, With their tongues they keep
deceiving," "The _______________ of asps is under their lips"; 14 "Whose mouth is full of
cursing and _______________ ...

6. Verse 15, "Their feet are swift to _______________ _______________, 16 Destruction and
______________ are in their paths, 17 And the path of peace have they not known."

7. Verse 18, "There is ______ _______ ______ _______ before their eyes." 

8. Now we see how utterly sinful sin is. And ______________ the ______________ of grace has
grace upon us, and that only because of His lovingkindness and great compassion we will
be utterly, completely, and hopelessly ______________ in our sin.

“Amazing _____________! how sweet the sound, _____________ ____________ a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.”

May we be like David, who realizing the ______________ of his
understood the ______________ of God's ______________.

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