

# GRACE: THE TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS

## WHY WE NEED THE BOOK OF ROMANS (Romans 1:1-7)

Talk-it-Over Notes | February 7-8, 2026

### REVIEW IT

What if the greatest need you have in 2026 is the good news of Jesus Christ - The gospel... In the very beginning, God, who is full of **light**, full of **love**, and full of **life** created everything - and it was good. Light, love, life came from Him, but our sin separated us from God and now the world is full of **darkness**, **disconnection** and **death**. And there's no way back to God because there will be no darkness in God.

Into this bad news steps Jesus Christ, the son of Man, the son of God made a way where there was no way. God gave His Son who, even though he never sinned, was willing to step into the darkness, be disconnected from God on the cross, and pay our death for us. Then, He did what none of us could do. He rose from the dead defeating darkness, disconnection and death. Now, we can walk in his **light** as he is in the light. We can embrace God's **love** as a child of God. And pass from death to **life** in Jesus name.

We need the book of Romans because we need the gospel. The gospel says:

1. You have nothing to prove
2. The promises of God are reliable
3. The gospel is centered in a person
4. It is a gospel of grace
5. It is a gospel for the whole world

Spend some time in the word **Read Romans 1:1-7**

### TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stood out to you from this message and this Bible reading?
2. Someone or someones shared the gospel with you. It may have been a parent, pastor, relative, author, teacher, friend, etc. Who introduced you to the good news of Jesus Christ? What made it good news to you?
3. How would you answer what your greatest need is this year? Why is the gospel still your greatest need?
4. The message says, "Whatever darkness and disconnection and death has taken from you, cannot be more than what God has promised to you." How does this statement encourage you in the midst of your own struggles or losses?
5. How does this definition help you understand grace: "Grace is God at work"

### ACT ON IT

What steps can you take this week to *clarify your relationship to Christ* and *clarify your understanding of the gospel*, as challenged at the end of the message? In other words, would you be willing to call yourself a slave of Christ Jesus and make Him the authority of your life? Is the gospel of Christ more about you, or about the glory of God?

### PRAY ABOUT IT

Take time to ask how you can pray for and support one another in prayer. Then, close in prayer.