

GENESIS

ORIGIN STORY

THE ORIGIN OF UNMERITED BLESSING

Pastor Ben Miller | 01.26.2025 | Genesis 25:19-34

God's Gracious Choosing

Turn to page 23 using the church Bibles.

Series Vision:

A deep certainty of Christ's unmerited blessing lavished upon needy sinners.

Big Idea:

In the midst of God's common grace blessings, take hold of the covenantal grace blessing found only through his promised Son.

"**Election:** God's choice of individuals to receive his favor before they have done anything good or bad (Rom. 9:10–11). It is not a choice that is based on (or in light of) certain deeds or choices that we make but is based solely on God's sovereign grace (Rom. 9:16)."

-Merkle, Benjamin L. What Is the Doctrine of Election?, Crossway.org

God's gracious blessing...

1. ...cannot be obtained through selfish manipulation. (Jacob - v. 27-33)
2. ...must not be despised for the sake of immediate gratification. (Esau - v. 32, 34)
3. ...can only be received through his gracious election. (The Lord - v. 19-26, esp. v. 20, 23)

APPLICATION –

HEAD – What does God want you to understand from this passage of scripture? Using your sermon notes, identify and explain in your own words the main point of what these verses are teaching. Was there anything you didn't understand?

HEART – As this truth was preached on Sunday, how was God moving in your heart? (*Examples - Did he bring conviction? Did he cause celebration? Did he call you to any acts of obedience? Did he clarify something that you need to actively believe?*)

Are there any themes that you noticed in the sermon that the Lord has also brought to your attention recently as you encounter his truth (Prayer, Bible reading, books, conversations with other believers, etc.)?

MOUTH – What will you share about what God was doing in your head and heart that will encourage and edify your brothers and sisters at Gospel Community and/or in other meaningful relationships? (**Note:** this is not a discussion question for GC, but is meant to sharpen your Gospel Community sermon discussion.)

HANDS AND FEET –

Relying on the Spirit, what will you do to act on what the Lord was doing in your heart?

How will you disciple someone else in their dependence on and devotion to Jesus in light of these realities? Who will this be?

When will you do this?

CORPORATE PRAYER

Oak Hill Events Team

Global Church:

Iglesia Cristiana Evangélica Pontevedra, Spain

INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP:

Begins Sunday, February 2: Our Mission: Making Disciples Who Walk in the Way

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today at 4PM: Student Ministry

LOOKING AHEAD:

February 2 at 9 AM: Baptism Sunday!

February 21-23: Student Retreat - Connect with Nick and Martha Frede for more information.



Check out our Events page or Log into the Church Center App by scanning the QR Code for all upcoming events.