

Sola Gratia

Ephesians 2:1-10

Main Idea

- All of our salvation, from beginning to end, is by God's grace alone and to be received with a thankful heart. Any good works that we can do are done in response to the salvation that he has already secured in us.

Grace

- Grace means God's unmerited favor
- Grace means that we receive good from God though we deserve punishment

Darkness

- Lack of God's Word
- Doctrine of Purgatory
- The Selling of Indulgences

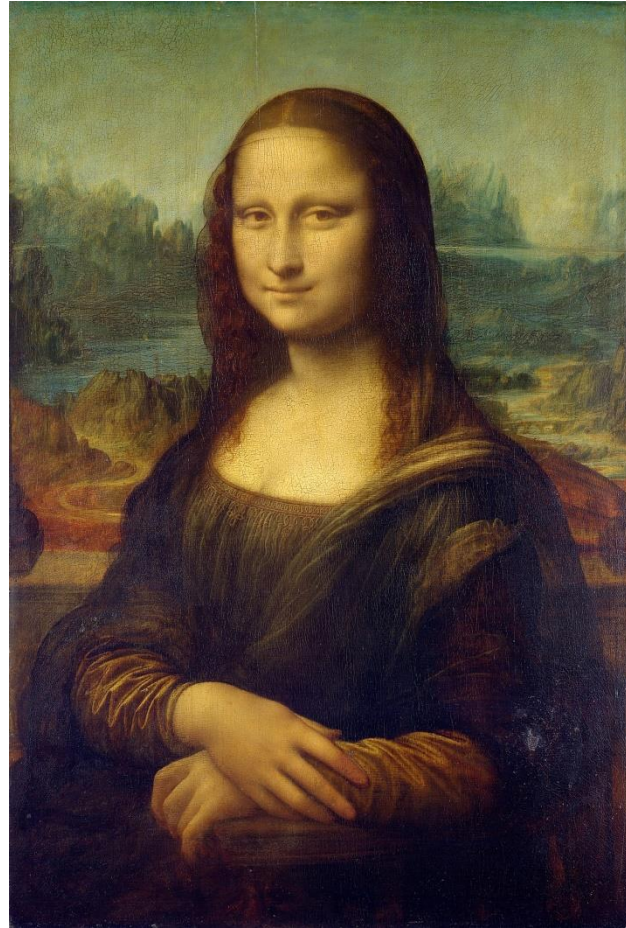
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- “Listen to the voices of your dear dead relatives and friends, beseeching you and saying, ‘Pity us, pity us. We are in dire torment from which you can redeem us for a pittance. . . . Will you let us lie here in flames? Will you delay our promised glory?...””
- “As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory springs.”

Light

- **Ephesians 2:1-10** – For by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast

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Temptations Today

- Do you believe that you fall in and out of a state of grace depending on how well you keep the law?
- Do you underestimate the Lord's power to save others?
- Do you doubt that Christ can save you because you continue to struggle with sin?

Temptations Today Cont.

- Do you continue to bear the guilt and shame of your past sins as some form of penance, instead of trusting that Jesus has covered them fully on the cross?
- Do you constantly feel the need to make up for what you have done in your past, instead of living freely in light of what God has done for you?

- **Romans 8:1-4** – There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus...
- **Romans 5:1-2** – We are justified by faith and have peace with God... We have access by faith into the grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God