

NEW HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH
Topical Study: GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL GRACE
SESSION TWO: COMMON GRACE

A. What is **COMMON GRACE**?

(Matt. 5:45; John 6:1-6; Rom. 9:15)

B. The **THREE POINTS** to **COMMON GRACE**.

1. The **FAVORABLE ATTITUDE** of **GOD** on **ALL** people in **ALL** parts of the earth at **ALL** times. (Tit. 2:11)

* Every breath that the wicked man takes substantiate the **GRACE** of our **HOLY GOD**. (Lk. 6:35c,36)

* **GOD'S PATIENCE** for **HIS** own is totally different from **HIS PATIENCE** with those whom He has not **CHOSEN**. (Psalm 37:24-40)

2. The **RESTRAINT** of **SIN** in the life of the individual and in society. (Gen. 20:6; Ex. 34:23,24)

* When **GOD** hardens the hearts of individuals, He does so by **RELEASING HIS RESTRAINT** on their **HEARTS**, by giving them over to the **SIN** that resides in their **HEART**. (Ex. 4:21; Jos. 11:20; Isa. 63:17; Psalm 81:11-14)

* If God did not **RESTRAIN** the **EVIL** that resides in the **HEART** of **ALL** men, **HUMANITY** would have destroyed itself centuries ago. (Gen. 6:5; Jer. 17:9-11)

3. The "**CIVIC RIGHTEOUSNESS**" by the **UNREGENERATE**. (Rom.2:14)

* **GOD** restraining the **HEARTS** of the **UNREDEEMED** becomes clear when we understand the biblical doctrine of **TOTAL DEPRAVITY**. (Rom. 3:9-18)

* **GOD'S SOVEREIGN PLAN** of **COMMON GRACE** is given to **ALL MEN** where we see **GOD'S PURPOSES STAND**, **GOD'S PEOPLE** are **BLESSED**, and the **GLORY** of **GOD** is **MAGNIFIED**.

"APART from GOD'S GRACE man is HELPLESS and HOPELESS." (Matt.19:25,26)