



**REAL GROWTH: A Gospel Shaped Church – Week 3.
Sola Gratia – United to Christ by Faith**

*These notes are to be used in conjunction with the sermon series during the service or with the recording.
They are intended to assist with further individual or group study.*

Readings: John 3:13-21; Romans 3:19-31; & Genesis 15:1-6

WHAT FAITH IS – all readings & Hebs. 11: 1-2

From these readings what is your understanding of Faith; what did you agree/disagree with?

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WHERE FAITH IS FOCUSED – Roms. 3: 22-25, Hebs. 11: 1-2 In understanding Faith, we acknowledged that Faith needs a focus. Hebs. 12: 2 shows us that focus. Consider how focused on Jesus your faith actually is; where might you need to renew or develop that focus?

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WHAT FAITH ENABLES:

Righteousness – Romans 3: 22.

What role does faith play in receiving God’s Righteousness by His Grace?

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Union AND Communion – John 3: 13-21 How does faith assist in our Union with God through Christ and our Communion with God; our relationship?

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New Life – all readings. How does faith enable our New Life in Christ; think back to last weeks teaching on Grace and consider the readings?

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A LIFE OF FAITH

Right Response – we considered three responses to God’s Grace: a Gospel Response, John 3: 16-17; an Irreligious Response, John 3: 18; and a Religious response, Roms. 3: 19-20, 27-31. What is your understanding of these responses; where in your faith do you stand?

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Right Understanding – Roms. 3: 22&25, Hebs 10: 14 & Gal. 5: 16-17. We considered the need for a right understanding of Justification and how this can affect our lives of Faith. How is your ‘understanding’ affecting your walk with Christ in positive and negatives ways?

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Right Relationship – all readings. Thinking back to God’s Grace and last week’s teaching we highlighted three lessons to bless our relationship with God: not to expect too much nor too little; being conformed to the likeness of Christ; and trusting God through His promises in Scripture. What, if anything, assisted, what do you need to consider more and what did you not understand?

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Future Study

Consider all that has grasped you on this topic and link back to last week’s teaching on God’s Grace. Where are the connections and gaps for you, what excites you, what do you want to follow up on with further study and prayer? Make notes for yourself and Café Church on the 25th November

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