

## **Genesis 36:1-9**

### **Common and Saving Grace**

#### **Introduction:**

There is a distinction to be made between common grace and saving grace. Generally speaking God sends His sustaining temporal blessing upon all mankind, the righteous and the unrighteous. Whereas saving grace God reaches out unto His believing people to save their souls from the judgment to come through the means of Christ's substitutionary death on the cross.

Westminster Confession of Faith:

Effectual Call – "Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word and may have some common operations of the Spirit, yet they never truly come unto Christ, and therefore cannot be saved... All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased, in His appointed and accepted time effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature to grace and salvation, by Jesus Christ enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God."

#### **I. Prospered by Common Grace**

##### **A. Noahic Covenant – Gen. 8:22; Matt. 44,45**

1. Esau producing Chiefs and Kings – Gen. 36: 15-31
2. Two nations – Gen. 25:23
3. Esau's future – Gen. 27:39-40

##### **B. About Riches:**

1. It is from the Lord – Prov. 10:22; 22:2
2. Rich by common Grace but could become a curse.

##### **C. The Rich Young Ruler: Matt. 19:23-30**

1. A command to sell all and give to the poor
2. Wealth does not necessarily exclude people from the kingdom of God
3. It does become difficult for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God
4. With God all things are possible

#### **II. Devoid of Saving Grace**

##### **A. Esau prospered in material things – Gen. 25:32; I Cor. 2:14**

1. Esau despised his birthright – Turn To: Hebrews 12:16-17
2. Esau was immoral and godless
3. Esau was a fornicator and adulterer – Gen. 28:8
4. Esau sold his birthright – John 3:18
5. Esau refused to repent – Heb. 12:17; Heb. 10:26; 6:6

##### **Conclusion:**

1. *Though the unbeliever does not want heaven because a holy God is there. They will not want hell either because an omnipresent God is there pouring out His wrath and justice – Heb. 10:31; 12:29*
2. *For the Believer in Christ – Run to finish the race and keep your eyes on Christ – Heb. 12:1,2; Matt. 24:13*