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*Taken from Wayne Grudem's Systematic Theology, Chapter 31: Common Grace*

## Common Grace

### A. Introduction and Definition

**Grudem: Common grace is the grace of God by which he gives people innumerable blessings that are not part of salvation. The word common here means something that is common to all people and is not restricted to believers or to the elect only.**

### B. Examples of Common Grace

1. The Physical Realm –
2. The Intellectual Realm –
3. The Moral Realm –
4. The Creative Realm –
5. The Societal Realm –
6. The Religious Realm –
7. Common Grace and Special Grace Influence Each Other
8. Common Grace Does Not Save People

### C. Reasons for Common Grace

1. To Redeem Those Who Will Be Saved –
2. To Demonstrate God's Goodness and Mercy –
3. To Demonstrate God's Justice –
4. To Demonstrate God's Glory –

## D. Our Response to the Doctrine of Common Grace

1. Common Grace Does Not Mean That Those Who Receive It Will Be Saved –
2. We Must Be Careful Not to Reject the Good Things That Unbelievers Do as Totally Evil
3. The Doctrine of Common Grace Should Stir Our Hearts to Much Greater Thankfulness to God

## Scripture Memory Passage

**Luke 6:35–36: But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.**

## Hymn

**“All People That on Earth Do Dwell” (William Kethe, 1561)**

All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell,  
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;  
Without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed,  
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,  
Approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,  
His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood,  
And shall from age to age endure.