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I. We Should Give Thanks for God's Personal Grace. (1:12-14)

- The gospel transforms sinners into **servants**. (12)
 - We should be thankful God **chooses** us. "Appointing me..."
 - We should be thankful God uses us. "To his service."
- The gospel is universal, yet **personal**. (13)
 - Jesus calls us to preach the gospel to **everyone**.
 - Jesus is willing to forgive his greatest <u>enemies</u>.
- The gospel is based on God's **mercy**. (14)
 - Our faith in Jesus is a gift from Jesus.
 - o Our love for Christ is **enabled** by Christ.

II. We Should Rejoice for God's General Grace. (1:15-16)

- The gospel is for <u>all</u> sinners. (15)
 - Jesus came into the world to be our Savior.
 - The grace of God should make us <u>humble</u>.
 - Jesus came to save even the worst of sinners.
 - The grace of God should give us **hope**.
- The gospel is especially for **believing** sinners. (16)
 - The grace of God shows God's <u>patience</u>.
 - The grace of God should lead to God's <u>praise</u>.

III. We Should Praise the God of Grace. (1:17)

- The gospel demonstrates the **glory** of God.
 - We take all the credit for sinning against him.
 - He gets all the credit for saving us.
- The gospel should stir us to praise the **greatness** of God. (17)
 - He is the eternal, immortal King.
 - He is the invisible, incomparable God.

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"Though I have lost my memory, two things I know: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior."

— John Newton