

Systematic Theology II

Introduction to Common Grace

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Physical Realm

Acts 17:28a; Matthew 5:44; Genesis 39:5; Psalm 145:9, 16-17; Genesis 8:21-22; Psalm 19:1-3

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Intellectual Realm

John 8:44; John 1:9; Job 38:36; Romans 1:21; Job 28:1-13

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Moral Realm

Romans 1:32; Romans 2:14-15

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Ethical Realm

Luke 6:33

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Creative Realm

Genesis 4:20-22

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Societal Realm

Romans 13:1-2; Romans 13:4

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Religious Realm

Matthew 5:44; Luke 4:40; Matthew 7:22; 2 Peter 3:9

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With Special Grace

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Not Saving Grace

Romans 14:23; Matthew 22:37–40

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Reasons for

1. To redeem those who will be saved.
(2 Peter 3:9-10.)
2. To demonstrate God's goodness and mercy.
(Luke 6:35; Psalm 145:9; Mark 10:21.)
3. To demonstrate God's justice.
(Romans 2:5; cf. Romans 3:19)
4. To demonstrate God's glory.

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So what?

- Applications/implications?
- Common grace explains an okay world.
- Common grace explains “civil” and “decent” people.
- There is good and helpful truth outside the Bible.
- We can and should appreciate science.
- We can and should appreciate technology.
- We can and should appreciate art.
- We can and should appreciate human institutions.
- We should be more thankful to God, knowing all good comes from him.
- Common grace is not salvific so we should only set our hope on Jesus.
- God’s common grace should shape our evangelism.
- God’s common grace should shape our love for opponents.

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