**Total Depravity and “Common Grace”**

**Common grace definition**: God’s bestowal of a variety of gifts and blessings on Christians and non-Christians alike, such as health, intelligence, friendship, vocation, family, government, art, science etc. Common grace upholds fallen humanity, but it is not saving.[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Common Grace definition**: “Every favor of whatever kind or degree, falling short of salvation, which this undeserving and sin-cursed world enjoys at the hand of God.”[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. **Romans 3:9-18**
2. **What does Common Grace do?**
	* + 1. Common grace restrains sin and evil in the world:
				1. **Gen 3:22-23**
				2. **Gen 4:15**
				3. **Gen 20:6**
			2. Common grace restrains divine wrath
				1. **2 Peter 3:1-7**
			3. Bestows good on mankind and the world.
				1. **Matt. 5:43-48**
			4. **Common grace is sometimes suspended:**
				1. **The flood**
				2. **2 Peter 3:7**
1. Michael S. Horton, *Pilgrim Theology: Core Doctrines for Christian Disciples* (Zondervan, 2013), 464. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. John Murray, *Collected Writings of John Murray: Lectures in Systematic Theology* (Banner of Truth, 1991), 96. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)