

## **Sola Gratia**

*The grace of Jesus Christ is extended to the nations*

Matthew 15:29-39

- I. Martin Luther, Galatians, and grace
- II. Grace and Truth have come in the Person of Christ (John 1:14-17)
- III. Jesus extends grace through physically healing lame, blind, crippled mutes (29-31)
  - These were most likely Gentiles
  - Our spiritual condition (Ephesians 2 – Dead and trusting in dead works to save)
  - The necessity and sufficiency of grace
  - The difficulty of embracing *sola gratia*
- IV. Jesus extends grace to a hungry multitude and unworthy disciples (32-39)
  - This is the second such miracle (Jesus fed 5000 a few months earlier – Matthew 14:13-21)
  - Don't miss the grace of Christ as he uses faithless disciples (36)
    - Jesus continues to use unworthy disciples
    - A meager supply in Jesus' hands can do quite a bit
  - A picture of the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations
  - A picture of Jesus as the "bread of life" (John 6:27-58)
    - Only Jesus completely satisfies our deepest need (37)
- IV. A final word from brother Martin on grace