1. God’s Amazing Grace

Ephesians 2:3-10 (NIV) 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. 4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, 5 made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. Grace must always be defended!

First, God has chosen to save the Gentiles!

Second, God has given the Holy Spirit to the Gentiles! 
(Recall Acts 10:45- as Peter preached the Holy Spirit fell on the Gentiles)

Third, vs 9 – Peter says God makes no distinction between us and the Jewish people!

Fourth, God has cleansed their hearts! “having cleansed their hearts by faith”

Acts 15:11 (ESV) But we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

Acts 15:14 (ESV) Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name.

Acts 15:10 (ESV) Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing a yoke on the neck of the disciples that neither our fathers nor we have been able to bear?