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# *This Grace Is for You*

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“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, **he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead**.... God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” *Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9, NLT*

What Belief Is Unique to The Christian Faith? GRACE

Too Many People Have Forgotten the Way of God's Grace

## **2 Truths I Need to Learn Today:**

How Guilty I Am

"But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags." *Isaiah 64:6 NKJV*

“But no, all have turned away; all have become corrupt. No one does good, not a single one!” *Psalms 14:3, NLT*

How God’s Love Seeks to Conquer That Guilt

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life.” *John 3:16, TEV*

**The Gospel Is Not Something We Would Have Come Up with On Our Own**

What Must I Do to Be Loved of God?

NOTHING

God’s Love Does Not Depend on What I Have Done for God,  
But What God Has Done for Me

**This Is Where the Cross and The Resurrection Come to into Play**

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23, NLT

“God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant.” Romans 5:20, NLT

2 Sides of The Same Coin

Side One: SIN and DEATH

Side Two: Grace and Eternal Life

Here Is the Way of Grace: When the Servants Go Wrong,  
The King Is Punished

### **God’s Grace Is Free, But It’s Not Cheap**

“A large crowd was following Jesus. He turned around and said to them, “If you want to be my disciple, you must, by comparison, hate everyone else—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple. And if you do not carry your own cross and follow me, you cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:25–27, NLT

To Begin in Christ Is to Take an Action of Faith

To Live in Christ Is to Be in Motion for Christ

“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6–7, NLT

*Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose from the grave to give me life. I know You are the only way to God, so I choose today to give my life to You. I ask You to come into my life and be my Lord and Savior. Thank You for forgiving all of my sins. From this day on I will live for You. In Jesus' name. Amen*

