

What GRACE is All About



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HOW DO I EMBRACE GOD'S GIFT?



Remember God created you for His purpose and pleasure.

Proverbs 16:4a (NLT)

The Lord has made everything for his own purposes...

Colossians 1:16-17 (MSG)

For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.

Revelation 4:11 (NLT paraphrased))

"You are worthy, O Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power. For you created all things, and they exist because you created them [for your purpose] and pleasure."

Ephesians 1:5 (TEV)

...God had already decided that through Jesus Christ he would make us his sons and daughters — this was his pleasure and purpose.

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Recognize my sins separate me from God eternally.

Isaiah 59:2 (GNBDC)

It is because of your sins that he doesn't hear you. It is your sins that separate you from God when you try to worship him.

Romans 3:23 (NLT)

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.

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Realize there is nothing I can ever do to erase my sins.

Romans 4:4-5 (TPT)

When people work, they earn wages. It can't be considered a free gift, because they earned it. But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous in his eyes. It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account!

Titus 3:5 (NLT)

...he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He washed away our sins, giving us a new birth and new life through the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 2:16 (GW)

Yet, we know that people don't receive God's approval by any effort to follow the laws in the Scriptures, but only by believing in Jesus Christ. So we also believed in Jesus Christ in order to receive God's approval by faith in Christ and not by our own efforts. People won't receive God's approval by their own efforts.

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Reflect on the reality that Jesus died on the cross to pay for all my sins and rose again three days later.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

John 3:16 (NIV)

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8 (NLT)

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

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Receive the gift of eternal life by believing only in Jesus.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (TPT)

For by grace you have been saved by faith. Nothing you did could ever earn this salvation, for it was the love gift from God that brought us to Christ! So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving.

John 3:36a (NLT)

And anyone who believes in God's Son has eternal life.

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Rest in the fact that my salvation starts now and lasts forever.

1 John 5:13 (NIV)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 10:28-30 (NLT)

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.

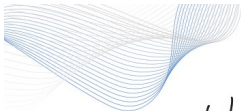
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And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

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