

August 16, 2020

“Transformed: Seeing Life Differently”

“Not By Me, But By Grace” Core 45

“By grace you have been saved through faith.

And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God.” Ephesians 2:8

A. It’s all by grace...

“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. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus. 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 2:4-9

1. Grace is undeserved! Grace defined...

“He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins. He has showered His kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.” Ephesians 1:7-8

2. It is only by grace that you are saved. You can’t take credit for it.

“(It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!)... And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God.”

3. Grace changes our position.

“For He raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus.”

4. It is all because of God’s kindness to us.

“So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.”

B. Grace draws us...

1. God planned to give you grace before you were even born!

“But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by His marvelous grace. Then it pleased Him.” Galatians 1:15

2. God gives us grace when we humble ourselves before Him.

“And He gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, ‘God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.’” James 4:6

3. God, in His grace, chose you!

“It is the same today, for a few of the people of Israel have remained faithful because of God’s grace—His undeserved kindness in choosing them. And since it is through God’s kindness, then it is not by their good works. For in that case, God’s grace would not be what it really is—free and undeserved.” Romans 11:5-6

C. Grace saves us...

1. Grace gives us the free gift.

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

2. Grace is given through Jesus’ death.

“Yes, by God’s grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone.” Hebrews 2:9b

3. Grace saves us by our belief.

“We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus.” Acts 15:11

D. Grace equips us...

1. Grace will help us when in need.

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16

2. God’s grace is greater than human wisdom.

“We have depended on God’s grace, not on our own human wisdom. That is how we have conducted ourselves before the world, and especially toward you.” 2 Corinthians 1:12

3. God’s grace will strengthen us.

“Each time he said, ‘My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness.’ So now I am glad to boast about my

weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.” 2 Corinthians 12:9

E. Grace grows us...

1. Growth is equipped by grace.

“May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord.” 2 Peter 1:2

2. Growth builds.

“Because of God’s grace to me, I have laid the foundation like an expert builder. Now others are building on it. But whoever is building on this foundation must be very careful.”

1 Corinthians 3:10

3. Growth requires effort.

“For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by His grace.” 1 Corinthians 15:10b

F. Grace gifts us...

1. By grace, we come into a right relationship with God.

“Yet God, in His grace, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.” Romans 3:24

2. By grace, he calls us to serve Him.

“By God’s grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.” Ephesians 3:7

3. By grace, we are gifted to serve.

“In His grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.” Romans 12:6a

G. Grace leads us home...

1. His grace is with us all the way.

“May God’s grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 6:24

2. His grace is in our past, our present, and our future.

“Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before His throne;” Revelation 1:4b

3. His grace promises us an inheritance.

“And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those He has set apart for Himself.” Acts 20:32

4. His grace makes us confident of heaven!

“Because of His grace He made us right in His sight and gave us confidence that we will inherit eternal life.” Titus 3:7

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