

Unmerited Favor

God doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves

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Expense

Three Words

1. "Love"

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

~ John 3:16

"Love that goes upward is called worship; love that goes outward is called affection; love that reaches down is called grace."

~ Donald Barnhouse

Three Words

- 1. "Love"
- 2. "Salvation"

It is only by God's grace that you have been saved.

~ Ephesians 2:5

Three Words

- 1. "Love"
- "Salvation"
- 3. "Free"

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 2:8-9

Two Lies About Grace

I. There's **MORE** you have to do.

Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.

3 reasons why this lie is so terrible

- 1. It creates confusion.
- 2. It creates fear.
- 3. It creates a false sense of security.

Two Lies About Grace

- I. There's **MORE** you have to do.
- II. There's **NOTHING** you have to do.

Since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

~ *Romans 6:16-18*

Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

~ 1 Corinthians 5:14-15

