

An Amazing Grace
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Psalm 145:8 *The Lord is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.*

God loves to bless people who don't deserve it.

What is grace?

G - God's gift to me

Romans 3:24 *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.*

Grace is absolutely free.

Christianity is the only religion built on grace.

Because of grace, Christianity can be summarized by the word done.

R - Received by faith

Ephesians 2:8-9 ⁸ *God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.* ⁹ *Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

Romans 4:16a *So the promise is received by faith. It is given as a free gift.*

The Bible says that God comes to us when we are broken and wounded and says, "I want you to be a part of my family."

A - Available to everyone

Romans 4:16b *And we are all certain to receive it, whether or not we live according to the law of Moses, if we have faith like Abraham's. For Abraham is the father of all who believe.*

Romans 10:13 *For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."*

Grace has no quotas.

C - Comes through Jesus

John 1:17 *For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:15b *But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 2:21 *I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.*

If we could be saved by our own goodness and merits, then the cross was a waste and grace is unnecessary.

E - Extended through eternity

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

Grace is the gift that keeps on giving

Conclusion

We are never going to get a better offer than grace, so we need to accept it.

John 8:1-11 ¹ *Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,* ² *but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.* ³ *As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.*

⁴ *"Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?"*

⁶ *They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. ⁷ They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" ⁸ Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.*