

Growing in Grace





“You forgive as you’ve been forgiven. It wasn’t an option. If you’ve been forgiven, then you need to extend that forgiveness.”

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“Grace is God’s willingness and desire to forgive and accept the sinner in spite of his sin, to give the sinner the very opposite of what he deserves.”

Jack Cottrell, *The Faith Once for All*, p. 98

You can't
show grace

unless you
know grace.

“I have prayed for
you that your faith
may not fail.”

Luke 22:32

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After you sin,
God is not out to get you.

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When I disappoint my Father,
I am still my Father's son.

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You are your Father's child,
even when you disappoint him.

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That's what you get.

That's what they get.

Ephesians 2:1-3

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

Ephesians 2:4-8

But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of the **great love** with which he loved us, even when we were **dead** in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—**by grace** you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his **grace in kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus. For by **grace** you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.

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“That’s what they get”
is the opposite of
Grace.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden. What did you expect from your sinful lifestyle? Of course you labor and are burdened. That's what you get!

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

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Vs. 35

But **love your enemies**, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil.

Luke 6:36

Be **merciful**, even as your Father is merciful.

Vs. 37

Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven.

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Priorities

Matthew 9:13 + 12:7

I desire **mercy** and not sacrifice.

Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and **mercy** and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.

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Priorities

If I insist on _____, but I don’t
show grace, I’m not reflecting the grace that
God has shown me.

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Action

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