

Psalm 86:15 "But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in mercy and truth."

Isaiah 30:18 (LB) "The Lord longs to be gracious to you."

**First: God's saving grace REMOVES my GUILT.**

Ephesians 1:7-8 (MSG) "Because of the sacrifice of the Messiah, his blood poured out on the altar of the Cross, we're a free people—free of penalties and punishments chalked up by all our misdeeds. And not just barely free, either. Abundantly free! He thought of everything, provided for everything we could possibly need!"

**Free from CONDEMNATION.**

Romans 8:1 (NASB) "Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."

Romans 8:34 (NLT) "Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us."

**Free from GUILT.**

Romans 8:33 (NLT) "Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself."

**Free from WORRY.**

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Free from DEATH.**

1 Corinthians 15:54-55 (NASB) "But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"

Romans 8:2 (NLT) "And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death."

John 8:36 (NASB) "So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) "For it is by God's grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not your own doing [circle this] but God's gift. There is nothing to boast of, since it is not the result of your own efforts."

**Second: God's strengthening grace RESHAPES my LIFE.**

Jeremiah 18:6 (NLT) ""O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand."

Isaiah 64:8 (NASB) "But now, O LORD, You are our Father, We are the clay, and You our potter; And all of us are the work of Your hand."

Hebrews 13:9 (LB) "Your spiritual strength comes as a gift from God, not from ceremonial rules."

## SERMON TITLE

Galatians 3: 2-3 (MSG) "Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it?"

Colossians 2:6 (NLT) "Just as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live in him."

**Third: God's sustaining grace REMOVES my HURT.**

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT) "My grace is all you need for my power is strongest when you are weak."

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT) "Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence so we may receive grace to help us in our time of need."

Hebrews 12:15 (Phillips) "Be careful that none of you fails to respond to the grace of God for if you do there can spring up in you a bitter spirit which can poison the lives of many others."

James 4:7 (NIV) "God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble."

**1. God says He wants you to be gracious to other people.**

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) "God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another."

**2. The other thing God wants you to do is to share His grace with other people.**

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB) "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NASB) "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Application:

Have you ever received God's saving grace?

**A - Admit** that you are a sinner and in need of God's grace.

**B - Believe** that Jesus is God's only begotten Son and that He died to pay the price for your sin, that He was buried and took your sins away, and rose the third day that you might have life and have it more abundantly.

**C - Confess** your sin and ask for His forgiveness and then receive Him and confess Him as Lord and Savior.

Do you need to rely on God's strengthening grace to reshape your life so that you are more like Jesus?

Do you need to surrender to God's sustaining grace in order to heal you from all your hurts?

Who do you know that needs to see the grace of God at work?

What will you do this week to be a "dispenser of grace"?

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