

Living in God's Amazing Grace

2 Corinthians 8:9 (NASB) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich."

**THE BENEFITS OF GRACE**

We are...

Saved by grace

Forgiven by grace

Sustained by grace

Healed by grace

Liberated by grace

Restored by grace

Used by grace

Transformed by grace

Give by grace

We are to live by Grace

Grow in Grace

Express Gratitude for Grace

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NASB) "God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed."

First: We celebrate the RECEPTION of God's grace in our life.

By coming into RELATIONSHIP with Jesus Christ, His Son.

1 John 4:15-16 (NASB) "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. We have come to know and have believed the love which God has for us. God is love, and the one who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."

John 1:17 (NASB) "For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ."

John 1:12-13 (NASB) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God."

1. He paid the penalty for sin.

Colossians 2:13-14 (NASB) "When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross."

2. He broke the power of sin.

Romans 6:6-14 (NASB) "knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin; for he who has died is freed from sin.

Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, is never to die again; death no longer is master over Him. For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God. Even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its lusts, and do not go on presenting the members of your body to sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves to God as those **alive from the dead, and your** members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

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3. The presence of sin will be obliterated.

Revelation 21:3-7 (NASB) "And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. "He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son."

Second: How can I show my **GRATITUDE** for God's grace?

1. By making my **LIFE** count.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NASB) "Flee immorality. Every other sin that a man commits is outside the body, but the immoral man sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body."

2. By **SERVING** God faithfully.

Luke 22:24-27 (NASB) "Then they began to argue among themselves about who would be the greatest among them. Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves."

1 Peter 4:10 (NASB) "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. "

3. By **SHARING** the Good News of God's Grace.

Acts 20:24 (NLT) "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."

Application:

How has God's Grace impacted your life this last week?

Have you every surrendered your life to the Grace of God? If not what is keep you from received Jesus as Lord?

How can you live this week with eternity as your focus?

Who do you know that needs a caring act of service this week?

Who do you know that needs to have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

What will you do this week to obey what God's has shown you?

Memory Verse: Acts 20:24 (NLT) "But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God."