

EMBRACE THE GRACE

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Romans 5:12, 15-18

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a **wretch** like me!
I once was **lost**, but now am found,
Was **blind**, but now I see.

GRACE – God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense

Grace is the unlimited, unmerited free gift of the favour of God offered to all but experienced only by those who know they are undeserving of it, but still, in faith, reach out to receive it. Grace brings that person into a brand new right relationship with God.

By the grace of God I am what I am.

1 Corinthians 15:10 NIV

See to it that no one misses the grace of God.

Hebrews 12:15 NIV

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Our ability to appreciate grace is in direct correlation to the degree to which we acknowledge our need for it.

As long as I think “I am not that bad” grace will never seem all that good.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

But there is a great difference between Adam’s sin and God’s gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. And the result of God’s gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man’s sin. For Adam’s sin led to condemnation, but God’s free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God’s wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Yes, Adam’s one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ’s one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.

Romans 5:12, 15-18 New Living Translation

One of the best kept secrets among Christians today is this: Jesus paid it all. I mean all. He not only purchased your forgiveness of sins and your ticket to heaven. He purchased every blessing and every answer to prayer you will ever receive. Every one of them – no exceptions.

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