

Grace: Seeing the Outsider

Luke 19:1-10 ESV

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Question: How do we discover and thrive under the power of God's grace?

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. **2** And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. **3** And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. **4** So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. – Luke 19:1-4

1. We first understand there's more to _____ than our position and possessions. (Luke 19:1-4)

Live it out!

Q: Do I have the courage to actually see Jesus for who He is? Am I letting my position or possessions in life get in the way of my relationship with Jesus?

5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." **6** So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. **7** And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." – Luke 19:5-7

2. We receive _____ immediately and joyfully into our hearts. (Luke 19:5-7)

- What happens when we receive Jesus into our hearts?
 - o Complete transformation in trust. (Galatians 2:20)
 - o Total forgiveness of our sins. (Ephesians 1:7)

- o Absolute commitment to living under Christ's power. (Luke 9:23)
- o Immediate behavioral change. (Ephesians 4:22-24)

20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. – Revelation 3:20

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Q: Have I received Jesus joyfully into my heart?

8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." **9** And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. **10** For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." – Luke 19:8-10

3. We let grace _____ our life to reflect God's will, not ours. (Luke 19:8-10)

- Confession: A grace transformed life responds immediately by fully owning our wrong without defense or deceit.
 - o There's _____ of fellowship when our sin is confessed. (1 John 1:9)
 - o There's _____ when we fully own our offense and prayer together over it. (James 5:16)
- Repentance: A grace transformed life moves into action and restores what we've broken.
 - o There are real changes in _____ (lifestyle, relationships; priorities) that matches a repentant heart. (Matthew 3:8)

20 Yes, just as you can identify a tree by its fruit, so you can identify people by their actions. – Matthew 7:20 NLT

God's grace never leaves a person unchanged.