

WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT

grace?

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- As Christians, we are called to be like Jesus.

Psalm 17:15

“I shall be satisfied, when I awake with Your likeness.”

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- This desire to change can turn into a struggle in the flesh.

Real victory **isn't** walking away from sin
while still longing to give in to it.

Real victory **is** walking away from sin
with a deep sense of pleasure & peace.

Common Definitions for Grace

The background of the slide is a dark, almost black, field filled with several overlapping, semi-transparent shapes. These shapes are primarily in shades of deep red, magenta, and purple, with some areas appearing more like burnt orange or dark brown. The shapes are irregular and fluid, resembling soft-edged polygons or organic forms that have been layered on top of each other, creating a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is a rich, textured, and somewhat ethereal backdrop for the title text.

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- **God's ability at work in us.**

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- God does not expect us to change by **our own power.**

John 1:14,17

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, **full of grace and truth**...For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** were realized through Jesus Christ.””

Luke 2:40,52

“The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the **grace** [charis] of God was upon Him...and Jesus kept increasing in wisdom and stature, and in **favor** [charis – “grace”]...

John 1:16

And of His fullness we **have all received**, and **grace upon grace**.

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- God does the work; we believe & receive.

The **difficulty** of entering the Kingdom comes for those who will not accept **grace & righteousness** as free gifts of God.

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me....and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”



**All we must do is stay in step,
and He carries all the load!**

Romans 6:14,20

For sin shall no longer have dominion over you, because you are not under the law, but under **grace**... The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The **grace** of our Lord Jesus be with you.

The **power of grace** makes the difference between a Christian life of difficulty, frustration, and defeat or Christian life of joy, peace, rest, and victory.

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- We should continue walking with God the same way we started our life with God.

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through
faith....

You didn't save you.

You can't make yourself a victor.

You can't transform yourself.

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