

Good Friday "Grace upon Grace"  
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Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over all the earth until the ninth hour. **45** Then the sun was darkened, and the veil of the temple was torn in two. **46** And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last. **47** So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, "Certainly this was a righteous Man!" **48** And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and returned. **49** But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things. (Luke 23:44-49 NKJV)

The cross; despite how sad and dark and tragic it is... I can look back at that cross and have **confidence that is the day my sin was paid for.**

For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. (James 2:10)

A perfect and Holy God... **His standard is perfection.** Not being a good person or doing the right things but unless you are perfect by nature and by deed, you stand condemned.

"he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life." (Titus 3:5-7 NIV)

Faith in Jesus is having faith that what He did on the cross atoned for your sins. Faith in Jesus is saying, **I am now considered righteous in the sight of a Holy and Perfect God!**

Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law has authority over someone only as long as that person lives? 2 For example, by law a married woman is bound to her husband as long as he is alive, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law that binds her to him. 4 So, my brothers and sisters, you also died to the law through the body of Christ, that you might belong to another, (not to the law but) to him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God. 5 For when we were in the realm of the flesh, the sinful passions aroused by the law were at work in us, so that we bore fruit for death. 6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. (Romans 7:1-2,4-6 NIV)

**As Jesus is crucified... I am crucified.** (My flesh, my sin nature, my old ways)

As Jesus is raised to Life... So am I, raised to New Life in Christ Jesus!

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him, 9 knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him. 10 For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:8-11)

As we reckon ourselves dead with Christ and born again, the sin nature has no more dominion over us.

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him! (Luke 11:13)

Have faith that **God can and will transform you** through the Holy Spirit

Have faith that **God can and wants to use you** through the Holy Spirit

### **How can we apply the Grace of God**

1. By the Grace of God, He gives us a new heart and new identity

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

My identity no longer comes from the things of this world, but from the One who Created me.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. (Romans 8:5-6)

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

Take every thought captive and make it subject to the Lord. Your good thoughts and bad thoughts.

2. The Grace of God, leads us to do good works.

Because God has given me so much, I can then overflow from what He has given me.

3. By the grace of God, we can have gratitude in our trials

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28)

### **False views of grace**

1. After I do all I can, God's grace will meet me in the middle

And if by grace, then it is no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. (Romans 11:6a)

I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain. (Galatians 2:21)

If salvation comes by works or sacraments, that is horrible news. It becomes a burden.

**However,** If salvation comes by grace alone, it is the greatest gift one can receive. It is solely dependent on if you want it or not.

2. Trying to earn the favor of God

**God's grace is impartial.** There isn't anything we can do to make God look at us and say "I prefer him/her"

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)