



## “Two Ways To Read The Bible”

In this series we have been looking at the reality that Christianity can be experienced, portrayed, or lived in two rooms: “The Room Of Good Intentions or The Room Of Grace.” In this week’s message, we look at the idea that when we read the Bible through the lens of the two rooms it either hurts us or helps us in our faith.

1. When was the first time you discovered that you don’t need to do anything to earn God’s grace and that you can simply trust that it is a gift He gives you?
2. In what ways do you find yourself sometimes wrestling with a tension that you need to do something to live up to God’s grace?

### Read Ephesians 2:6-9

3. When you read the Bible is it hard for you to see the grace in it’s pages or do you see things you should do in order to earn grace?

**Colossians 3:1,12-13 says: “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ...Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”**

4. If you read these verses through the lens of the Room of Good Intentions, a gospel of works, what does it mean when you can’t live up to this list?
5. When you read it through the “Room Of Grace” it is about what Christ has done and the rest of the chapter stands on the foundation of grace. How does this help you rest in the truth that through faith in Jesus you have His nature (this list) in you?

6. Discuss the truth that if an interpretation of scripture doesn't point to Christ and stand on a foundation of what Christ has done then it isn't a "Christian" understanding of scripture.

7. As you read the Bible will you ask the question: "How does Christ and His grace affect this scripture?"

**If our understanding of scripture contradicts what Jesus did and the grace He made possible, it isn't a Christian understanding of scripture. Salvation is through faith alone in Christ alone. As you read the bible you can read it through the lens of "The Room Of Grace" by asking the question: "What does the scripture say about what Christ has done, His grace, and trusting in Him?"**