

## Grace is ALL Powerful!

<sup>2</sup>Luke 4:18-19 New Living Translation (NLT)

<sup>18</sup>“The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,<sup>19</sup> and that the time of the LORD’s favor has come.<sup>[a]</sup>”

### Romans 5:12,15,17,20-21

<sup>12</sup>When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.

<sup>15</sup>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. ...<sup>17</sup>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.

<sup>20</sup>God’s law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God’s wonderful grace became more abundant. <sup>21</sup>So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God’s wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ephesians 2:1-10 New Living Translation (NLT)

**2** Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. <sup>2</sup>You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world.<sup>[a]</sup> He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. <sup>3</sup>All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

<sup>4</sup>But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, <sup>5</sup>that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) <sup>6</sup>For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the

heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. <sup>7</sup>So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. <sup>9</sup>Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. <sup>10</sup>For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

### Romans 6:1-2

**6** Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup>Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?

### Romans 8:1,11,15-17,31-39

**8** So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And because you belong to him, the power<sup>[a]</sup> of the life-giving Spirit has freed you<sup>[b]</sup> from the power of sin that leads to death

<sup>11</sup>The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, he will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you.

....<sup>15</sup>So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children.<sup>[h]</sup> Now we call him, "Abba, Father."<sup>[i]</sup> <sup>16</sup>For his Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children. <sup>17</sup>And since we are his children, we are his heirs. In fact, together with Christ we are heirs of God's glory. But if we are to share his glory, we must also share his suffering.

<sup>31</sup>What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup>Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup>Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. <sup>34</sup>Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us.

<sup>35</sup> Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? <sup>36</sup> (As the Scriptures say, "For your sake we are killed every day; we are being slaughtered like sheep.") <sup>37</sup> No, despite all these things, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ, who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,<sup>[p]</sup> neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. <sup>39</sup> No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.