WHAT'S SO AMAZING ABOUT

Stace.

Romans 8:29 NLT

²⁹For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 1:3 NLT

The Son radiates God's own glory and expresses the very character of God, and he sustains everything by the mighty power of his command.

Psalms 17:15 NIV

¹⁵As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness.

The Desire to Change

- Becomes a source of deep frustration.
- Proverbs 13:12 Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life.
- WANT to change, but don't know HOW.
- Turns into a struggle of the flesh.

The Desire to Change

- Real victory isn't walking away from sin, still longing to give in to it.
- Real victory is walking away from sin, with a deep sense of pleasure & peace.

The Power of Grace

Grace: God's unmerited favor

 That doesn't tell us what it is, it just tells us that it's free.

• G.R.A.C.E- God's riches at Christ expense.

The Power of Grace

- Grace: God's ability working in man, making him able to do what he cannot do in his own ability.
- God's ability at work in us.

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come.

- New creation
- God does not intend for us to be a new creation inwardly but remain the same outwardly.
- God expects us to change but not by our own power.

John 1:14 NIV

¹⁴The 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.

John 1:16 NASB

¹⁶For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace.

New Covenant

- Better covenant
- It gives the ability to perform.
- God does the work; we believe & receive.
- The difficulty of entering the Kingdom comes for those who will not accept grace & righteousness as the free gift of God.

Matthew 11:28-30 NIV

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Romans 6:14 NIV

¹⁴For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

This issue of **grace**determines whether the Christian life will be:

one of joy, peace, rest, and victory,

or

one of difficulty, frustration, and defeat.

Colossians 2:6-7 NIV

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God- 9not by works, so that no one can boast.