

COME AS YOU ARE  
Living With Grace  
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What does it mean to live with grace?

GRACE  
Accepting God's favor

Living **with** God

SIN  
Saying NO to God.  
I can do it myself  
Doing it **for** God

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.*

John 15:5-6 NIV

Instead of relying more on Jesus, we discover "Do it yourself" spirituality.

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.*

*See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.*

Colossians 2:6-8 NAS

GRACE is **with** God

SIN is doing it **for** God

*I lift up my eyes to you, to you whose throne is in heaven. As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid look to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God.*

Psalms 123:1-2 NIV

GOOD NEWS

*This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."*

Romans 1:17 NLT

JESUS COMES TO YOU

*As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"*

*On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."*

Matthew 9:9-13 NIV

When I get honest, I am a bundle of paradoxes:

I believe and I doubt.

I hope and get discouraged.

I love and I hate.

I feel bad about feeling good.

I feel guilty about not feeling guilty.

I am trusting and suspicious.

I am honest and I still play games.

*I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.*

Luke 18:17 NIV

Never confuse your perception of yourself with the mystery that you are accepted.

*But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 NIV