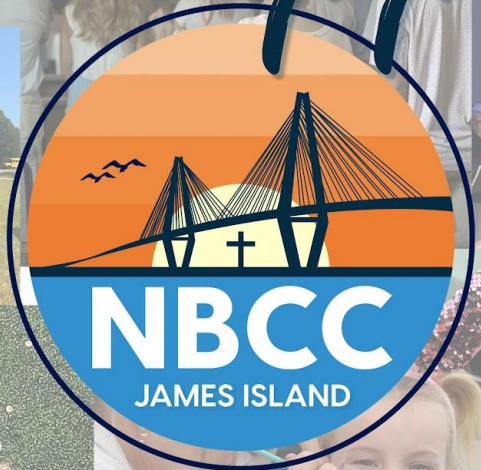


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Real Life:

- **Is found in a growing relationship with Jesus**
- **Is for real people, with real stories**

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.

My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

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How do we get there?

Real life happens here!

David vs. Goliath

He picked up five smooth stones from a stream and put them into his shepherd's bag. Then, armed only with his shepherd's staff and sling, he started across the valley to fight the Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:40

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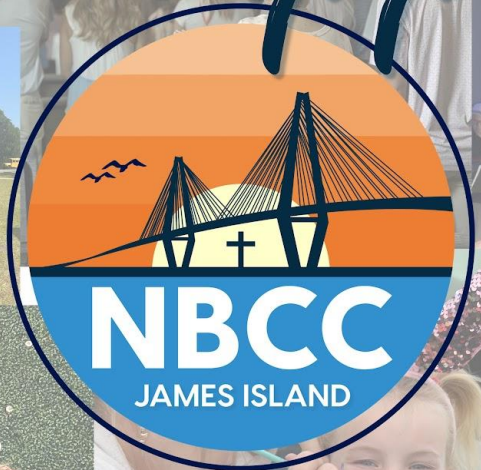
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What does that look like?

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It should be the highest priority for every person to have a 'right' relationship with God.

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First Remedy:

Follow the law

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The Law:

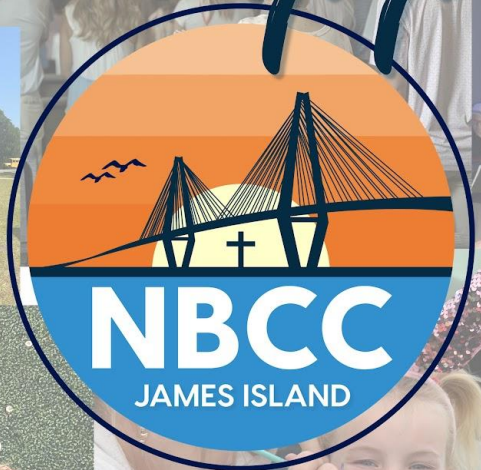
- Old Testament
- Modern Religion
- Personal Code

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Second Remedy - Grace.

- Grace is not lowering the standard
- Grace is God providing what the Law could never produce.

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Obviously, the law applies to those to whom it was given, for its purpose is to keep people from having excuses, and to show that the entire world is guilty before God.

Romans 3:19

For no one can ever be made right with
God by doing what the law commands. The
law simply shows us how sinful we are.

Romans 3:20

But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago.

Romans 3:21

We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

Romans 3:22

For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of
God's glorious standard.

Romans 3:23

Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Jesus Christ when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Romans 3:24

For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for our sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood.

Romans 3:25

This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past, for he was looking ahead and including them in what he would do in this present time.

God did this to demonstrate his righteousness, for he himself is fair and just, and he makes sinners right in his sight when they believe in Jesus.

Romans 3:26

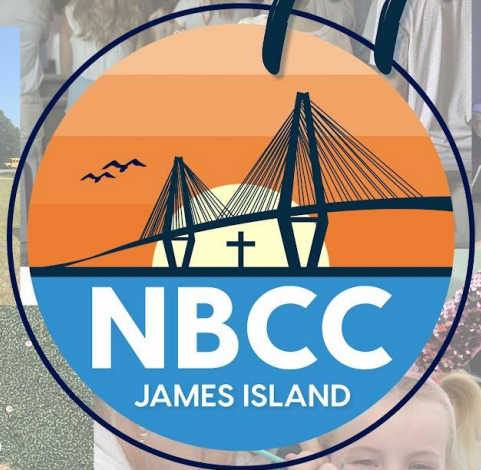
Can we boast, then that we have done anything to be accepted by God?

No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith.

So we are made right with God through
faith and not by obeying the law.

Romans 3:28

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So now there is no condemnation for those
who belong to Christ Jesus.

And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death.

Real life happens here!

How can I apply Grace to my life?

Real life happens here!

➤ Remember what it cost

For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And it was not paid with mere gold or silver, which lose their value.

It was the precious blood of Christ, the
sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

Real life happens here!

- Remember what it cost
- Recenter your life

Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God's right hand.

Colossians 3:1 - 2

Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth.

Colossians 3:1 - 2

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- Remember what it cost
- Recenter your life
- React to His love

Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.

2 Corinthians 5:14 - 15

He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves.

Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

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- Remember what it cost
- Recenter your life
- React to His love
- Relate to others

Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior.

Ephesians 4:31 - 32

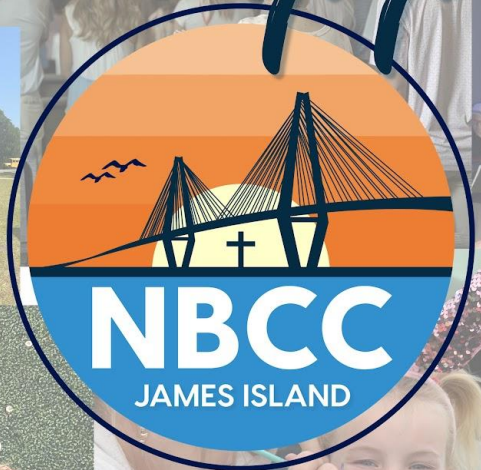
Instead, be kind to each other,
tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just
as God through Christ has forgiven you.

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