

Grace

Today I live and move to the rhythm of God's grace. His grace entered my life when I accepted what Jesus did for me on the cross as my Savior. At that moment I received what I don't deserve: forgiveness, freedom and new life – grace. There is nothing I could ever do on my own merit to earn His grace. His grace is totally based on the merit of what Jesus did for me on the cross. He paid the debt of my sin in full.

His grace does not wink at my sin as though it does not exist. Rather, His grace recognizes the full weight of my sin and does not condemn me, setting me free from sin's penalty and power. It is not just or fair, nor what I deserve; it's much better, it's grace. He lavishes grace on me freely and abundantly. His grace is immeasurable, instant and everything I need, a once-and-for-all completed action. Today I live and move to the rhythm of God's grace.

Grace is not simply a benefit from God; grace is His very nature and character. Because of the grace of God through Jesus I am who I am: forgiven, accepted and loved; my relationship with Him is made right. Because of the grace of God through Jesus I am not who I used to be; my old life of sin is gone and I am living in new life. Because of the grace of God through Jesus I am not yet who I am going to be, for He will finish the work of faith He began in my life.

God's grace through Jesus is enough, it's all I need. His grace sustains me in and through all things. The full measure of every benefit of God's grace has been extended to me. The moment I chose to follow Jesus I recognized the capacity to enjoy and experience those benefits from getting to know Him better and obeying Him in all things. Grace encourages me to obey and I obey Him because I love Him. As I continue to live in the truth and love of Jesus I experience grace. I do not have to work to earn His approval, because of grace He already approves of me. There is nothing I can do to pay Him back. There are no rules or regulations; there is simply Jesus, the cross and grace. I live in His favor, I live in His kindness and I am His friend. Today I live and move to the rhythm of God's grace.

Study: Grace

Day 1: God's Grace - *Romans 5:21*(Page 860); *Ephesians 2:4-9* (Page 895)

Day 2: Riches of His Grace - *Ephesians 1:1-8* (Page 895); *Romans 5:15-21* (Page 860)

Day 3: Freedom of Grace - *Romans 6* (Page 861)

Day 4: Grace is Sufficient - *2 Corinthians 12:1-10* (Page 888)

Day 5: Aspects of God's Grace - *2 Timothy 1:9* (Page 914); *Ephesians 3:7, 17-18* (Page 896); *Romans 11:6* (Page 865)

Day 6: Benefits of God's Grace - *Titus 2:11-12* (Page 917); *Hebrews 4:15-16* (Page 922); *John 10:27-29* (Page 819)

Day 7: Misconceptions - *Galatians 3:1-3* (Page 891); *Romans 11:6* (Page 865); *Romans 6:15* (Page 861). Read the *Daily Reading* once again and highlight things that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8-9 *"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?