

A Life of Faith- Every Day
Ephesians 2:1-10
Grace- Part Two

Question: Can you give *yourself* some grace?

Are you...

- Extremely critical of yourself and/or others
- Happy on a spiritually good day and depressed on a spiritually bad day
- Quick to point out your faults, and others too

If so, it may be time for grace to grip your life again!

Main Point: God gives grace, abundant grace, to save us and to sustain us.

What happens if I do not accept salvation by grace or live a life of grace?

1. I can emphasize works over grace.
2. I can opt for giving you a list of do's and don'ts.
3. I can leave no room for gray areas.
4. I can cultivate a judgmental attitude towards those who may not agree or cooperate with my plan.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

Ephesians 2:8

Point One: God's mercy and grace are _____ and _____ expressions of His love.

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love which he loved us...made us alive together with Christ.”

Ephesians 2:4-5

We didn't deserve grace- but that is what makes it grace!

Point Two: God's grace _____ our sins and failures!

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

2 Cor. 12:9

Since grace is from God, there is no pride or self-depreciation needed!

Point Three: Our response of _____ and _____ for God's grace is good works.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.”

John 15:5

Good works are directly linked with salvation- not as our ground or means of being saved, but as evidence of salvation and of being a part of the family of God.

Sermon by Pastor Dave Williams on Sunday, March 1st, 2015

Next week: Ephesians 2:11-22 Peace in Christ