

# God's Grace

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

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (NIV)

Have you ever received something amazing you didn't deserve? God's grace is the undeserved goodness and love that He gives to us. God knows sorrow; He felt it when His son was betrayed, abused and executed. God showed grace to the world when Jesus' hands were marked by nails and thrashed to a Roman cross because of His extreme love for you. In the beginning, He created everything to be good, and He gave people freedom to choose whether they wanted to know God, or walk away from Him. When the first people chose to walk away from Him, they invited hurt, pain, sickness and wrong into the world. However, God rescued us from everything rotten when Jesus took our place and the punishment we deserve. He came to wipe our wrong choices away, and we each get to choose whether we want to live in this grace, believing we are so loved.



"Grace is the weapon that disarms the dark."

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