

GRACE

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PROCESS



God's involvement
with us is not static.

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"consistently it denotes something much more dynamic—the wholly generous act of God" It " it denotes effective divine power in the experience of men." James. D.G. Dunn

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GOD'S GRACE



Called Us
Sustains Us
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Grace is not just a noun - or a state. When we say it is a gift of God, we don't imagine that it is something static. Like a new shirt. or a new hat. It is not something temporary. No, it is something unfolding.

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1. Because of his predicament, man needed a divine lift (see Romans 3:9-26). Grace is that divine lift.
2. God's grace continues that salvation
 1. Tony Evans : "Grace not only saves you for heaven, but grace equips you for a life of spiritual growth and maturity here on earth."
 2. Acts 13:43 - **Continue in the grace of God**
 3. 1 Corinthians 15:10 But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; **yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.**

We do not need to pursue achievement.
God's grace invites us into a new identity.

GOD'S GRACE gives you a NEW LIFE

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A relationship with God does not mean obedience to a list of rules – but rather it is being resurrected into a new identity. God's GRACE gives you a new life.

**We were broken, dead and sinful.
Yet God came to save us.
That is grace.**

**We were given a new life.
We have a new purpose.
We are given his Spirit.
That is grace.**

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No one can be saved apart from Christ. It's not by our own merits or our own ability or our own goodness. This is the key part of it. You have to understand, you who are broken and sinful cannot be saved by being good.

**We are forgiven.
We are set free.
We are seated with Christ in heaven.
That is grace.**