

Women & More
A 'call' and 'walk' Experience

A Picture of Grace

Worksheet 17: **March 3, 2016**—*grace*

Someone has said, “We are guilty of plenty.” And plenty of guilt requires plenty of grace! We stand accused and refused, and but for our God’s great grace we would be doomed to eternal death. Mercifully, grace is bestowed upon the unworthy and unmerited ‘guilty-of-sin’ by His Worthiness: *Picture* that!

Grace is everything...for those of us who deserve nothing!

“All that we were—our sins, our guilt,
Our death—was all our own;
All that we are we owe to Thee,
O God of grace, alone.”

—Bonar

“If you be indeed the chosen of God, and beloved by Him,
do not suffer all the lavish treasures of grace to be wasted upon you...

When sinners are saved, it is only and solely because
God will do it to magnify his free, unpurchased, unsought grace.”

—Charles Spurgeon

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 103:8

Psalm 112:2

John 1:16

Ephesians 2:4-5

2 Corinthians 1:20

Scripture to Memorize:

Isaiah 30:18a “*Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you;*”

Prayer Requests and Praises:

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Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:

1. Why do you think people find it more palatable **to work to earn God’s favor**—which, by the way, cannot be done—**than to repent and accept his free grace**?

•What is a **five-letter word** that explains this in humans? _____.

2. In your own words, restate T. S. Mooney’s: **“The grace of God reveals One who loves us so much as to have made Calvary possible, but who hates sin so much as to make Calvary necessary.”**

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3. On the front we looked up Ephesians 2:4-5—fill in the last phrase in the blanks below.

“But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, smade us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—

_____ *by* _____ *you have* _____.”

Sin is an infectious disease – the **sinful** nature a **sin** factory!

—jmoore

“God will never bestow mercy on us because we deserve it,
but only because we need it.”

—Jonathan Edwards

Recommended Reading:

Grace, God’s Unmerited Favor, Charles Spurgeon

The Grace Awakening, Charles R. Swindoll

When Godly People Do Ungodly Things, Beth Moore

Charles Spurgeon in his book *Grace, God's Unmerited Favor* lists the covenant mercies operating through God's *grace*:

- 1. God's grace allows us to know we're saved**—Jeremiah 31:31-34. There is no knowing God except through God, but all of His chosen will know him (2 Peter 3:18). Blind Bartimaeus saw no light until Jesus spoke to him, and Saul of Tarsus had none until God spoke to him on that Damascus road.
- 2. God's law is gracefully written in our hearts**—Jeremiah 31:33. Moses broke the tablets because the people were breaking its law. In the age of grace, God writes on fleshly tablets (1 Kings 8:58).
- 3. The free pardon of grace**—cancellation of debt—Jeremiah 31:34. As the Lord looks over this man's life, when He comes to the black pages, they are blank. Referencing Isaiah 1:18, perfect pardon is the divine act of amnesty and oblivion for every crime of every sort.
- 4. Gracious reconciliation**—Jeremiah 32:38 equals "My people—their God!"
- 5. Grace teaches true godliness**—Jeremiah 32:39. And Proverbs 9:10's "*fear of the LORD*"—God will give the fear of Him: to those who never had a fear of Him; to those who despised Him, and to those without Him.
- 6. Grace goes on**—Jeremiah 32:40. We will persevere to the end (John 10:28), because God will not leave us and he will not let us leave Him.
- 7. By it, the once wretched are washed clean**—John 15:3 and Ephesians 5:26.
- 8. Grace spells a renewed nature**—Ezekiel 36:26. It takes little to purify the flowing streams, but it is a great marvel to cleanse an impure spring.
- 9. Grace makes possible holy conduct**—Ezekiel 36:27.
- 10. Through grace we can know how sinful we are**—Ezekiel 36:31—To think that I could have sinned against the One who loved me so. That I, the elect of God could have ever acted like the elect of hell.
- 11. Grace means we commune with God**—Ezekiel 37:26-28. We are made His people; His priests; His servants; His friends, and His children, and all without asking of us anything but that we receive Him!
- 12. The rod of grace**—Psalm 89:30-33—His discipline. Sometimes it comes before we transgress so we won't. "I will and they shall"—no ifs involved, no perhaps or maybes. God presents grace according to His own will (Ezekiel 11:19-20); promise after promise with no price and no payment from us!

Gracious



The Bible contains the Divine answer
to the deepest human need!
Of all the favors and mercies extended,
None is greater than intended
by our Great God for sinners—still—
Who so deserve their wicked ills.

God bestows abounding grace to
the undeserved and less than favored.
He offers mercy to repeat-offending,
wayward and unwashed sinners,
when every reason would claim
we had no right to such tender.

God opens up his coffers and lavishes
His grace-draught on us—asks that
we repent and receive His Gift:
By faith let Him come in and reign.
So...the believing-receiving are calmed
and carried and cured and claimed.

Heaven forever is secured because
God is Good; and
His Good is so Gracious!

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