

What a Drunk Taught Me about Grace

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Ephesians 2:1-10

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¹As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ²in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. ⁴But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. ⁶And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

*Grace: God's unmerited _____; Unearned;
Undeserved
The "favor" is Christ's righteousness*

1. Grace puts me in a right _____ with God

²¹But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3:21-24

Salvation is the work of _____, not the work of man;
Obtainment and not attainment.

2. Grace gives me a new _____

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

- ✓ Grace awakens us to the reality that we can be _____ by God.
- ✓ In Grace(Christ) God begins to erase the dysfunctional tapes in our heads recorded from earlier experiences.

“What would it mean, I ask myself, if I too came to the place where I saw my primary identity in life as “the one Jesus loves”? How differently I would view myself at the end of the day.

Sociologists describe the theory of the looking-glass self. They suggest that we become what the most important person in our life thinks we are. (Father, Boss, spouse etc.) How would my life change if I truly believed the Bible's astounding words about God's love for me, if I looked in the mirror and saw what God sees?”

Philip Yancey

I am the one whom Jesus loves!

3. Grace provides the power which can _____ my life.

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4

4. *The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

Luke 19:10

God's heart was so burdened to redeem the brokenness of man that he offered his own son as an atonement for sin. If we are drawing near to the heart of God, a burden for the souls of people will fill our hearts. Who is the person, outside of your family, that God has given you a burden for?
