



Grace

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1. Bargaining with God

- “God if you will... I promise I’ll always...”
- “God if you will... I promise I’ll never...”
- Assumption #1: God knows you exist
- Assumption #2: You have something God wants

2. God doesn’t negotiate

- He doesn’t want something from you
- He wants something for you

3. Gift model - based on grace

- Grace - getting what you don’t deserve
- Mercy - not getting what you deserve

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else. **Ephesians 2:1-3 NLT**

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God’s grace that you have been saved!) **Ephesians 2:4-5 NLT**

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. **Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT**

4. What standard do you use to determine where you stand with God?

- My behavior
- God’s grace

One Question:

1. Most people respond to the idea of unconditional grace with, “*But what about...?*”

What’s your “*But what about...?*”

Next Steps:

- ☐ I will answer the “One Question” as I review my personal faith journey this week
- ☐ I choose to accept God’s grace and gift of salvation; I believe Jesus died for my sin and is my Savior
- ☐ I will live in obedience to God out of gratitude for God’s gift of life to me, as God helps me
- ☐ Attend or listen to all of this message series
- ☐ _____