



Grace

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[EPH 2:8-9](#)

GRACE IS UNMERITED

1.) You can't earn it - so stop trying

- ILLUSTRATION a 100,000 POINTS TO ENTER HEAVEN
 - a- it is God's gift - Only He can give salvation grace
 - b- working for salvation is pointless and disappointing

2.) No one else can earn it either - so back off

- a - learn to allow other Christians to be Christian AND human
- b - learn to show forgiveness - the essence of grace
 - GRACE IS NOT OFTEN FOUND IN HUMAN NATURE
 - 1 - people don't give something for nothing
 - 2 - people expect payment for all wrongs
 - a - traffic fines - societal rules
 - b - hurt feelings - personal wrongs
 - ILLUSTRATION B MATT 18:23-35
 - GRACE FREES US FROM SIN

- [Rom 8:1-2](#) *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.*

- 1 - Have confidence in Christ
 - a - He paid the full price for sin (your sins and mine)
 - b - your weakness means nothing in grace

- [2 Tim 1:12](#) *For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*

- c - He will see to your case - YOUR SINS = PAID IN FULL

- GRACE CHALLENGES OUR BEHAVIOR

- 1 - to be like Christ
 - a - lose respect of persons
 - b - learn forgiveness

- HAVE YOU RECEIVED CHRIST AS SAVIOR?

- COME TODAY