

Life Group Discussion Guide

Message: "Grace"

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Message Notes

Are you living FOR grace or living FROM grace?

In Christ there is freedom to rest in the salvation Jesus already gave to you.

Living FOR Grace

How foolish can you be? After starting your new lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? **Galatians 3:3 (NLT)**

Living FOR grace takes many forms:

- Believing that we were saved from past sins only
- Believing that it's our works, not our faith, that keeps us saved
- Connects assurance of salvation to how good you are
- We obey out of fear and hope we've done enough without ever being sure

There is a better way!

So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law. **Galatians 5:1 (NLT)**

Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace. **Romans 6:14 (NLT)**

Living FROM Grace

This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. **1 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)**

Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin. **Romans 7:24–25 (NLT)**

The question that matters most: Not “how good are you?” but “how forgiven are you?”

Living FROM grace takes many forms:

- Knowing that we were saved not from past sins only, but from sin, period

For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.
Hebrews 10:14 (NLT)

- Remembering that there is no more penalty to be given to sinners who are in Christ

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. **Romans 8:1–2 (NLT)**

And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see. **1 Peter 1:5 (NLT)**

- Obeying out of love and gratitude

Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? 2 Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? **Romans 6:1–2 (NLT)**

- Boldly confessing our sins to God

- Confession gets out of you what shouldn't be kept inside of you

Oh, what joy for those whose disobedience is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight! Yes, what joy for those whose record the LORD has cleared of guilt, whose lives are lived in complete honesty! When I refused to confess my sin, my body wasted away, and I groaned all day long. Day and night your hand of discipline was heavy on me. My strength evaporated like water in the summer heat. Finally, I confessed all my sins to you and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, “I will confess my rebellion to the LORD.” And you forgave me! All my guilt is gone. **Psalms 32:1–5 (NLT)**

- Remembering that you are a child of God, not a slave (Galatians 4:4-7)

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children. And because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, prompting us to call out, “Abba, Father.” Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you his heir. **Galatians 4:4–7 (NLT)**



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Four Questions

LEARN: *What am I learning? What am I curious about? What questions do I have?*

LIVE: *What thoughts/habits/desires do I need to adopt or surrender
so I can experience the abundant life Jesus gives?*



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LOVE: *How will this empower me to love God (with all my heart, soul, mind and strength),
love myself (as Jesus loves me), and love my neighbor (as I love myself)?*

LEAD: *How is God calling me to lead people into
a growing relationship with Jesus Christ?*