

What is the Power of the Gospel? Grace

If we are going to live the Gospel, we must understand and live Grace.

Grace in Galatians

The **Beginning**

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

⁴ who gave Himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age,
according to the will of our God and Father,

⁵ to whom be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Galatians1:3-5

The Basis of Relationship

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you by the grace of Christ.

Galatians 1:6

Power for Life and Service

I was advancing in Judaism beyond many Jews of my own age and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵ But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by His grace. *Galatians 1:14-15*

James, Peter and John, those reputed to be pillars, gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship when they recognized the grace given to me. They agreed that we should go to the Gentiles, and they to the Jews.

Galatians 2:9

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Danger of Falling Away

I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing! Galatians 2:21

You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. Galatians 5:4

The Final Thought

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

Galatians 6:18

What is Grace?

Grace is...

Grace is God's <u>unmerited</u> favor – *Ephesians 2:9-10* Grace is God's <u>supernatural power</u> for transformation Grace is necessary for past, present and future

What are the signs you have fallen away from grace?

I don't <u>pray</u> I am trying to prove my <u>worth</u>

I don't <u>rest</u>
I carry <u>foolish</u> guilt
I won't forgive
I am <u>punishing</u> myself
I am being <u>judgmental</u>
I try to earn acceptance

Every day we must rediscover, and re-believe the Grace of God, so that we can live the Gospel.

Next Steps

Recommended reading:

The book of Galatians

The Good and Beautiful God by James Bryan Smith

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