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There should be nothing “off limits” or “safe” from God.

Philippians 1:1a

Paul and Timothy, **slaves** of Christ Jesus ...

I Corinthians 15:9-10

[Gospel of first importance ...]

For I am the least of the apostles, not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the **grace of God** I am what I am, and His **grace** toward me was **not in vain**. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, yet not I, but the **grace of God** that was with me.

2 Timothy 2:1

You [*Timothy*], therefore, my son, be strong in the **grace** that is in Christ Jesus.

{come up one at a time; one slide}

Grace **Rescue**

Grace **Identity**

Grace **Effort**

Grace **Strength**

Grace **Present provision**

Philippians 1:1-2

Paul and Timothy, **slaves** of Christ Jesus: To all the **saints in Christ Jesus** who are in Philippi, including the overseers and deacons.

² **Grace** to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

{one slide; all together}

By God’s design, **grace affects **everything**.**

- **Comprehensive**
- **Pervasive**
- **Powerful**

“The ‘greatest’ saints are not those who need less grace, but those who consume the most grace ...”
{Dallas Willard}

Anemic grace VS Amazing Grace grace that affects **everything.**

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Philippians 1:3-5

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, ⁴ always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, ⁵ because of your partnership in the **gospel** from **the first day until now**.

In Philippi, grace had unleashed a noticeable process of transformation.

Philippians 1:6-7

I am sure of this, that He who **started** a good work **in** you will carry it on to completion **until** the **day of Christ Jesus**. ⁷ Indeed, it is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I have you in my heart, and you are all partners with me **in grace**, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

{for each of this “Misconception” slides ... bring up the misconception first, then everything else next from the □ and below it.}

Misconceptions of Grace

Grace is past tense.

- Yes & MORE. Grace is past, present & future.**

Misconceptions of Grace

Grace is permission to sin.

- NO. Grace is power to transform sinners.**

Misconceptions of Grace

Grace is God’s work FOR us on the Cross.

- Yes & MORE. Grace is also God’s work IN & THROUGH us.**

Misconceptions of Grace

Grace is opposed to effort.

- No. Grace is opposed to earning, but it fuels effort.**

Embrace grace ... **all** of grace.

1) Examination:

- a) Understanding of **Christianity**

Matthew 28:19-20a

Go, therefore, and make **disciples** of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe **everything** I have commanded you.

Colossians 1:28

We proclaim Him, warning and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone **mature** in Christ.

Galatians 4:19

My children, I am again suffering labor pains for you **until Christ is formed in you**.

Christianity:

- Not a life accessory But LIFE!!
- Not just learning But unlearning too!!
- Not instantaneous But a process!!

1) Examination:

- a) Understanding of Christianity
- b) Understanding of **ourselves**

Colossians 2:6-7

So then, just as you have received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to walk in him, ⁷ being **rooted and built up** in Him and established in the faith, just as you were taught ...

The “root” of this ...

- Ego: survival/safe; affection/esteem; power/control
- Amazing grace

{all one slide}

Is God's **AMAZING GRACE** the root and foundation of ...

- How I respond to adversity?
- How I am in relationships?
- My work? School?
- My marriage? My Parenting? My singleness?
- My Identity?

{come up one at a time}

Anything untouched (off limits) by God's grace is **unsafe and unsound**.

- Sin is more than behavior power
- Untransformed pain/hurt will be transmitted.

Remember: grace affects everything!

□ Grace hunts **sin, enslavement, & hurt.**

2) **Question:**

How does the gospel of grace **inform** *this*? □ **Transform** *this*?