

Romans 6:14 (NKJV)

For **sin shall not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but **under grace**.

Romans 8:11 (NKJV)

But if **the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus** from the dead **dwells in you**, He who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.

Cheap grace is the grace we bestow on ourselves. — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

- Expect real change: grace doesn't excuse bondage; grace **breaks** bondage.
- Survey my life. Ask, where am I bound or where does fear have a place in me?
- Work with God's Word and the Holy Spirit. No longer believe the lie.

5) Grace produces a new walk: from flesh-led to Spirit-led

Romans 8:4 (NKJV)

that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:5 (NKJV)

For those who live according to the flesh **set their minds** on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

Romans 8:6 (NKJV)

For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**.

Galatians 5:16 (NKJV)

I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and **you shall not fulfill** the lust of the flesh.

Philippians 2:13 (NKJV)

for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Grace is not opposed to effort... it is opposed to earning. — Dallas Willard

1 Corinthians 15:10 (NKJV)

But **by the grace of God I am what I am**, and **His grace toward me was not in vain**; but I **labored more abundantly** than they all, yet **not I, but the grace of God** which was with me.

Practical application:

- Grace is freely given. Our outcome depends on what we do with it.
- God has offered his grace to everyone. Do not disqualify yourself.
- Remember, there is no condemnation once a person is born again. It doesn't matter who you are or what you've done, Grace is still offered, it's always free, and it empowers you to change.



Grace That Freed and Enabled Me

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Romans 8:1 (NKJV)

There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

Romans 8:2 (NKJV)

For the **law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free** from the law of sin and death.

- **No guilty verdict hanging over you in God's court.**
- **No sentence of spiritual death remaining.**
- **No rejection from God as a condemned criminal.**

God's grace does two things at once: it **changes our verdict** (no condemnation) and **it frees us** (from the power of sin and death.)

Romans 5:1 (NKJV)

Therefore, having been **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Romans 5:2 (NKJV)

through whom also we have **access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

1) Grace is God's unmerited favor that enables us to live the life He planned for us.

Ephesians 2:8 (NKJV)

For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

Ephesians 2:9 (NKJV)

not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

Let us therefore **come boldly to the throne of grace**, that we may **obtain mercy and find grace to help** in time of need.

Titus 2:11 (NKJV)

For the **grace of God** that brings salvation has appeared to all men,

Titus 2:12 (NKJV)

teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.” — Max Lucado

- You don’t have to strive to “qualify” for God’s love or plan—**grace has already qualified you.**
- Let go of the mindset that says “If I do better, God will love me more.” Instead, live confidently in the **finished work of Christ.**

2) God gives “so much grace.” It’s free, not earned.

God did not save us because we were good, He saved us because He is good.

[Ephesians 2:4 \(NKJV\)](#)

But God, who is **rich in mercy**, because of His great love with which He loved us,

[Ephesians 2:5 \(NKJV\)](#)

even when we were dead in trespasses, **made us alive together** with Christ (**by grace** you have been saved),

[Ephesians 2:6 \(NKJV\)](#)

and **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together** in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

[Ephesians 2:7 \(NKJV\)](#)

that in **the ages to come** He might show the **exceeding riches of His grace** in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

[Romans 5:8 \(NKJV\)](#)

But **God demonstrates His own love** toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.

[Titus 3:5 \(NKJV\)](#)

not by works of righteousness which we have done, **but according to His mercy** He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,

[Titus 3:6 \(NKJV\)](#)

whom **He poured out on us abundantly** through Jesus Christ our Savior,

[Titus 3:7 \(NKJV\)](#)

that **having been justified by His grace** we should **become heirs** according to the hope of eternal life.

Grace has lifted us from the guilt of sin
to being joint heirs with Christ. Romans 8:17

- We are not accepted because we work hard for God. We are enabled to work hard for God **because of his grace.**
- Righteousness is not in the “doing.” **It’s in the knowing** Christ and what’s been done!

3) Grace changes the verdict: “No condemnation” for those in Christ

[Romans 8:1 \(NKJV\)](#)

There is therefore **now no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

My verdict: No condemnation

[Romans 5:1 \(NKJV\)](#)

Therefore, **having been justified by faith**, we have **peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

My standing: Justified by faith (Rom. 5:1)

[Romans 8:33 \(NKJV\)](#)

Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is **God who justifies.**

My security: No charge can stick

[Romans 8:34 \(NKJV\)](#)

Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also **makes intercession for us.**

My defender: Christ died, rose, reigns, and intercedes

The law says, ‘do this,’ and it is never done.

Grace says, ‘believe in this,’ and everything is already done. — Martin Luther

- Learn to separate **conviction** (draws you back to God) from **condemnation** (drives you from God).
- Speak Romans 8:1 over yourself when shame hits: “In Christ, my verdict is settled.”
- Make repentance relational, not legal: run **to** the Father, not away from Him.

4) Grace gives us the power to overcome

(The “two laws” in Romans 8:2)

- The **law of sin and death** = the governing principle of the fall: sin enslaves and produces death.
- The **law of the Spirit of life in Christ** = the Holy Spirit’s governing power: life, freedom, and new ability.

[Romans 8:2 \(NKJV\)](#)

For the **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has **made me free** from the law of sin and death.