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Understanding Grace

Ephesians 2:1-10

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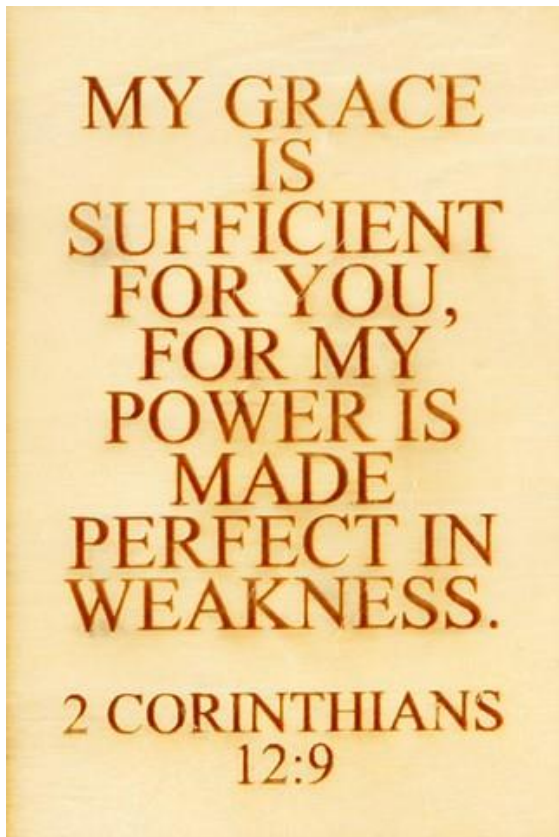
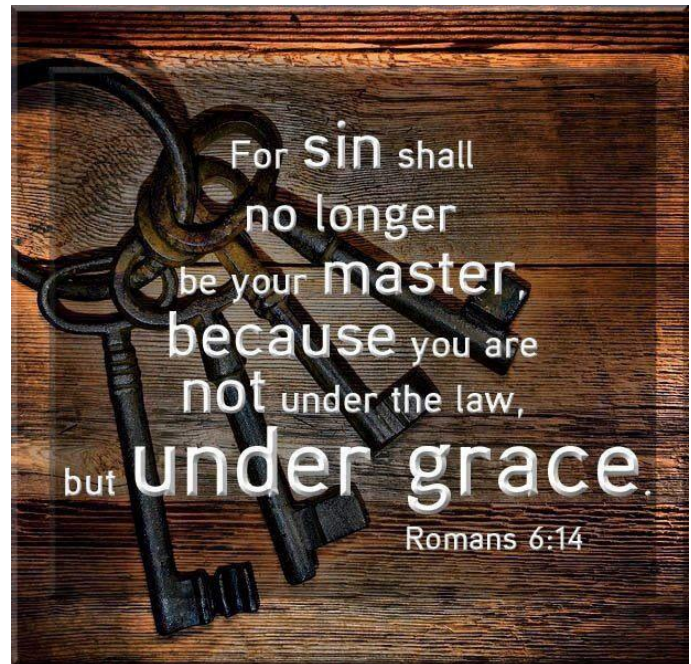
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Using This Study

This study is designed to be used as part of our Sunday morning worship at CLBC.

Most of the questions will be talked about during our 9:45 Worship service. We will then have follow up time in small groups at 11:00.

If you would like to use this as a bible study starting point you can record your answers to the questions on Sunday morning and keep them for further study.



Sometimes the major stumbling block for people when it comes to Christianity evolves around grace. Grace is a very simply concept but plays out in life with great complexity. Sadly, many times people are driven away from Christ because the church does not show true grace. At the same time some people are turned off because the church lacks the fruit of the spirit such as peace and kindness. When this happens churches must hold their members accountable. This week we will talk about the unbridled even scandalous grace of Jesus Christ and the need for a church to hold its members accountable to this Grace, and the Irony of that statement.

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NASB)

Made Alive in Christ

2 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

CLBC Community Group Questions:

1. How do your actions impact other people's relationship with God?

2. Should you allow the actions of others to impact your relationship with God?

3. Are there any sins that are so bad that God's grace does not cover them? If so what.

4. Share some bible verses stating the extent of God's grace?

5. If God's grace is unending then why does it matter what we do and how we live?

6. How does the way we show grace affect our ability to share Christ in the community? Talk about both potential positives and negatives.

7. How does an ungodly life style hinder our ability to share Christ? How does this balance with Grace?

8. How do we hold people accountable and still demonstrate grace?

Other Notes: