

accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. Amen.

**THE GREATNESS OF GOD'S GRACE** So many times in our life, without even realizing it, we take God's grace for granted. Most times, it's because we don't fully understand the entire meaning of God's grace, or perhaps accept with great humility the results of God's grace. There were some verses that even in my adult life in walking with the Lord that didn't quite touch my life as much as they should or could have because of my lack of understanding of them, which resulted in my taking of God's grace for granted. Not

intentionally, but out of ignorance. Here are just a few of such verses:  
Romans 3:25 - *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 1 John 2:2 - And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 4:10 - Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. = = =*

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## The Most Important Question of Your Life...

**If you died tonight, do you KNOW if you'd go to heaven?**

### The Easy Steps to KNOW for Sure:

**== A == Acknowledge you are a sinner**

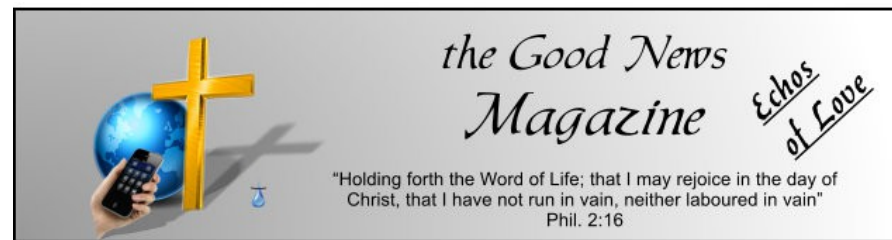
**ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23**

**== B == Believe the shed Blood of Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved.**

**The wages of sin is death\* but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23**

**== C == Confess to God you know you are a sinner and call upon Him to come into your heart.**

**For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13**



## Greatness of God's Grace

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I am not sure who came up with this meaning: God's Riches At Christ's Expense (G.R.A.C.E.) but I must admit that I love that literal meaning and the message it depicts in our lives. Grace, oh how I pray that the Lord will teach us to understand how deep this is. The person I am today is by God's grace, yes His divine grace. God saw me from the very beginning, He knew me even before I was formed in my mother's womb.

From time to time man has always lived his own life, a life of sin, a life of carnality, a life not worth pleasing to God. God saw the need for us to KNOW Him and bring us back to Him. John 3:16 tells it all.

Despite our rejection of God's redemptive power and work of the cross, He still stretches out His hand toward us. He still wants us to call upon His Name and get saved. God's grace is eminent. The moment we start believing in Him, His grace will carry us through, He

will ensure that no matter what we go through, He will give us the grace to carry on, and when our strength is gone out, His strength will be ours. All we need to do is to just call upon His Name and we shall be saved according to the scripture in Romans 10:11-13,

*For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Look at this again, for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.*

Yes, rich unto all that call upon Him. For us to experience God's riches in our lives, we have to tap into the reservoir of God's grace. Everything has been laid up for our own good. God's riches of grace are eternal and this will never run out. The moment we are born again, accept the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord over our hearts, we start experiencing eternity with the Lord. When God lavishes His grace upon all that believe Him,

we receive righteousness in Him; we get freedom from legalism and an unbreakable union with our Father. And God in return desires that we invest time and energy in our relationship with Him. As we open ourselves to the Father, everything He has to offer pours freely into our lives. Our connection with Him makes it possible for us to live joyful, contented lives overflowing with blessings. Romans 8:17 states that, And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. Well, I believe as heirs of God, we have access to everything that God has in store for us. We have access to God's riches, which include unspeakable joy, unconditional love, and peace beyond understanding. God's riches is for His true children whom He gives freely whatsoever we ask of Him. True wealth isn't measured by our bank accounts or what we possess. It is high time for us to realize that God's grace has been given to us freely. Romans 3:24 says, Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Justified freely here means, without anything done on our part to deserve. Not any good we did to deserve God's justification, our works and good deeds as a matter of fact could have amounted to emptiness and

separated us forever from God. By His grace it simply means His free love. His love He offers to us all.

No man could have done this except our God through His son Jesus. He died for you and for me on the cross that we might be redeemed from our sin. Jesus went through a hard way; He paid the full price for our redemption and salvation. It is free grace, mere mercy; there is nothing in us to deserve such favors. It comes freely unto us, but Christ bought it, and paid the price. And faith has special regard to the blood of Christ, as that which made the atonement. God, in all this, declares His righteousness.

It is plain that He hates sin, when nothing less than the blood of Christ would satisfy for it. And it would not agree with His justice to demand the debt, when the Surety has paid it, and He Has accepted that payment in full satisfaction, all this because He so loves us and His mercies are new every morning! Our faith, our conversion, and our eternal salvation, are not of works, lest any man should boast. These things are not brought to pass by anything done by us, therefore all boasting is shut out. All is the free gift of God, and the effect of being quickened by His power. It was His purpose, to which He prepared us, by blessing us with the knowledge of His will. And then,

His Holy Spirit producing such a change in us, that we should glorify God by our good conversation, and perseverance in holiness.

I must say that when you have given your life to the Lord, you have declared war with the enemy. Our enemy is the devil. The enemy's agenda is to destroy what God has created and deemed good, but I thank the Lord that He came to give us life in abundance. John 10:10 says,

*The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

What more riches can we receive than the abundance of eternal life in Christ given to us by His grace? May the Lord help us all to understand God's mystery of grace. When I reflect on God's mercies and the grace given to us, I never cease to thank Him. All of us deserved destruction, all of us never qualified for His grace and His mercy, but God in His unending love, by His grace determined to deliver us through the redemptive power of His blood... Colosians 1:14 puts it like this,

*In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins : He predestinated that we should be*

*conformed to the image of His Son.*

All that God designed for glory and happiness as the end, He decreed to grace and holiness as the way. God in His boundless love for us, met all the issues of sin for a lost and ruined world, and so perfectly Has He wrought that man need now but believe and thus receive the bounty of His sufficient grace. Have you surrendered your life to the Lord? Would you like to receive God's riches which comes by His grace through Jesus Christ? Would you love to be a partaker in God's Kingdom? May the Lord give you favor. May He show you mercy and bestow His blessings upon you! I sum up this with Philippians 4:19,

*But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Call on Him today for behold, now is the*

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