



“What Would God Say?”

Part 2: Grace Effect

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The “Grace Effect” that Paul experienced and spoke about often...

1. Grace is best understood and defined through \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:6-8 (NLT)**

*When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. 7 Now, no one is likely to die for a good person, though someone might be willing to die for a person who is especially good. 8 But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.*

“A man can no more take in a supply of grace for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next 6 months, nor can he inhale sufficient air into his lungs with one breath to sustain life for a week to come. We are permitted to draw upon God’s store of grace from day to day as we need it.” – D.L. Moody

Paul says...Live in God’s \_\_\_\_\_!

2. Grace goes far beyond what is \_\_\_\_\_, natural and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 5:20b-21 (NLT)**

*...But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful kindness became more abundant. 21 So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful kindness rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

“Grace can pardon our ungodliness and justify us with Christ’s righteousness; it can put the Spirit of Jesus Christ within us; it can help us when we are down; it can heal us when we are wounded; it can multiply pardons, as we through frailty multiply transgressions.” – John Bunyan (1628-1688)

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3. Grace is not based upon my own \_\_\_\_\_, but is \_\_\_\_\_ an all loving, compassionate God.

**Romans 7:15, 18 (NLT)** *I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do the very thing I hate. 18 I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn, I can't make myself do right. I want to, but I can't.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)** *God saved you by his special favor when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.*

**2 Corinthians 12:9 (NLT)** *Each time he said, "My gracious favor is all you need. My power works best in your weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may work through me.*

“Lord I crawled across the barrenness to you with my empty cup uncertain in asking any small drop of refreshment. If only I had known you better I’d have come running with a bucket.” – Nancy Spiegelberg

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**God says...I’ll take it!**