

## Grace is undeserved, unearned, unearnable favor.



"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:14

Grace and truth became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.



[Jesus], who he, though, he was in the form of God did not count equality with a God a thing to be grasped [held on to for advantage], but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant [slave], being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. (Phil 2:6-8, ESV)



"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many are forgiven - for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little loves little. And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven. Then those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:47, ESV)



"Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion..." Psalm 103: 2-12



"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love...he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." Psalm 103: 2-12



"For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." Psalm 103: 2-12



"We looked down on him, thought he was scum. But the fact is, it was *our* pains he carried—*our* disfigurements, all the things wrong with *us*. We thought he brought it down on himself, that God was punishing him for his failures." Isaiah 53:2-6, The Message



"But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped, and tore, and crushed him—*our sins*! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed." Isaiah 53:2-6, The Message



"We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And God has piled all our sins, everything we've ever done wrong, on him, *on him*." Isaiah 53:2-6, The Message



"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action... If you would really like to be into consuming grace, just lead a holy life. The true saint burns grace like a 747 burns fuel on takeoff. Become the kind of person who routinely does what Jesus did and said. You will consume much more grace by leading a holy life than you will by sinning, because every holy act you do will have to be upheld by the grace of God." Dallas Willard

