

... lying, cheating, greedy, covetous, lustful, porn-watching, tax-dodging, racist, jealous, judgmental, lonely, angry people who eat too much, spend too much, drink too much, smoke too much, worry too much, and who gather together because they believe Jesus is the light of the world and they need more light?

You call that ...



THE CHURCH



GRACE IS

... the unsettling solution for just about everything.

... undeserved, unearned, unmerited, ... unmeritable, undeservable, unearnable favor.



GRACE IS LIKE OIL ...



GOD AND SINNER RECONCILED



AT CHRISTMAS ...

... we celebrate the reconciliation of God and sinner (grace).

... grace, becomes most amazing when it's extended to others.

... God's amazing grace to you is an invitation to be amazing.



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Answer: I don't have a plank in my eye!



HOW YOU SEE THE WORLD

- Upbringing
- Environment
- Experience
- Education
- Health

- Opportunities
- Successes
- Failures
- Insecurities
- IQ/EQ



JESUS' UNSETTLING QUESTION

"How can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when all the time there is plank in you own eye?" Matthew 7: 4 NIV



"You hypocrite ... (... sinner, ... fall shorter, ... did it on purposer, ... over and overer) Matthew 7: 4 NIV



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But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5: 8 NIV



But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: knowing ahead of time the sins we would commit and confess and repeat and confess again, Christ died for us anyway.

Romans 5: 8 NIV



"You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." Matthew 7: 5 NIV



YOU GOT PLANKS?



"The more aware I am of what God has yet to do in me, the less aware I am of what God has yet to do in you." Andy Stanley



WHAT ARE YOU FULL OF?



WHAT ARE YOU FULL OF?

WHAT ARE WE FULL OF?



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As we celebrate Christmas let's do something unsettling and extend grace to others.



ARE YOU WILLING TO REMOVE YOUR PLANKS?



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ARE YOU READY TO EXTEND GRACE THIS CHRISTMAS?

