

The Gospel-Centered Life: How Grace Works

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1. In what ways have you experienced God's unmerited favor – that is, his Grace?
2. Read Galatians 1:10-12. To what extent are you concerned with other people's opinions about you? How is this evident in your choices and actions?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28. Have you experienced persecution as a result of your faith? Why is our faith generally inoffensive to our culture – unlike Paul's experience? Should our testimony sound more like his?
4. Read Galatians 1:13-14. In what ways have you tried to earn God's favor through moral choices? Why is attempted morality our natural human response?
5. Read Galatians 1:15-17. How have you experienced God's grace taking the initiative in your life?
6. Read Ephesians 2:1 and Romans 3:10b-11. Why does it matter that we were spiritually dead prior to salvation – that God pursued us, not the other way around?
7. Read John 6:44. In what ways can you look back and see God drawing you to himself – through other people, the Bible, your circumstances, etc.?
8. Read Galatians 1:18-23. Why does it tend to bother us that God doesn't always call "good" people? In what ways does our standard of "goodness" differ from God's standard?
9. What sins do you believe make you (or others) unacceptable to God? What people are you excluding from salvation?
10. How do you need to respond to God's grace today?