

Growing Your Faith: Guarding Grace

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1. Do you believe that we are saved “by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone”? What are the implications in your life of this belief (or lack thereof)?
2. Read Ephesians 2:8-9. How does your understanding of grace affect your interaction with God? How does it impact your daily decisions?
3. Read Philippians 3:1-3. Have you ever known any grace-killers? How did you identify them? What negative impact did they have on you and those around you?
4. Do you tend to be fixated on externals? Do you like to use rulers, deciding who measures up? Do you tend to focus on the petty? In what areas are you most likely to act like a grace-killer – with family or friends, at church or at work? How can you avoid these tendencies?
5. Are you losing your joy as a result of misunderstanding grace? How would others describe your attitude and outlook on life?
6. Read Galatians 3:28. What truths of your identity with Christ are easiest to forget? What aspects of the gospel do you need to be reminded of?
7. Read Philippians 3:4-7. In what ways has your morality impeded your understanding of grace? How can we guard against that misunderstanding?
8. Read Philippians 3:8-11. What appeals to you about Paul’s description of the life of faith? What can you do today to pursue that lifestyle?