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PRISON LETTERS

- Philippians
- Philemon
- Colossians
- Ephesians

MY UNDESERVING FREE GIFT Ephesians 2:1-10 Text (v 8-9)

(1 Corinthians 15:10 NIV) "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me."

Grace is:

1: God GIVING ME A FREE GIFT

(Romans 3:23 NIV) "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

(Romans 11:6 NIV) "And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace."

Grace is:

2: Received THROUGH FAITH

(Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV) "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- not by works, so that no one can boast."

(Romans 4:16a NIV) "Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace...."

Grace is 3: Available <u>TO EVERYONE</u>

(Romans 4:16b) And may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring-not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all."

(Romans 10:13 NIV) "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Grace

4: Comes THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

(Acts 15:11 NIV) "We believe it is through the grace of our Lord Jesus that we are saved, just as they are."

(Romans 5:15 NIV) But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did <u>God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!"</u>

(2 Peter 1:3 NIV) "His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness."

Grace is: 5: Extended for <u>ETERNITY</u>

(Romans 6:23 NIV) "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Isaiah 30:18 NIV) "Yet the LORD longs to be gracious to you; He rises to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for Him!"