

AMAZING GRACE:

The Promise of Grace

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Notes:

For those who feel hopeless, grace offers a promise – God is for you. Your righteousness does not define your standing with God. He defines His standing with you out of His love for you.

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹ To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³ “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴ “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

- Luke 18:9-14

My Next Step(s):

- I will not compare my righteousness against that of others.
- I will find my confidence in Christ instead of my own works.
- I will not look down on others who I perceive to be less worthy—but for the grace of God, there go I. Instead, I will admit my own sin.
- I will receive God’s grace freely given.

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

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