





Sola Gratia
Transforming Grace that's Amazing!

**Global
Registry of
Acute
Coronary
Events**

**Group
Routing
and
Charging Equipment
(British Telecom
equipment)**

**Gang
Retirement
and
Continuing
Education
and Employment**

**Graduate
Robot
Attending
Conference
(Carnegie
Mellon University)**

GRACE




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**God's
Riches
At
Christ's
Expense**



**Glorious
Realities
As
Christ
Empowers**

**God
Reaching
Adopted
Children
Eternally**



**Guilty no more
Rest in Christ
Accept His unconditional love
Christ, my hope of glory
Empowered by His Spirit**

How does God react
to human sin?

Do we have to be transformed
before we are accepted
into his fellowship?

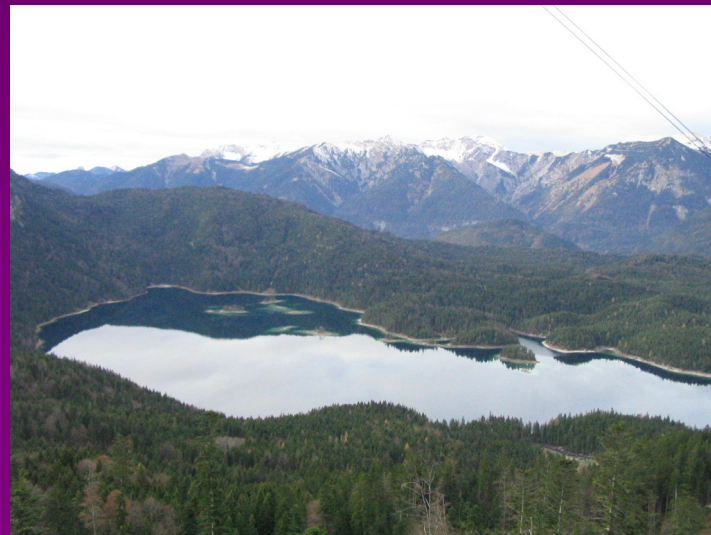
Does God accept us into
his fellowship to transform us
in and through this fellowship?



"See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess.

But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess... "

"... This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." - Deuteronomy 30:15-20



"As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath... "



".. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. .."

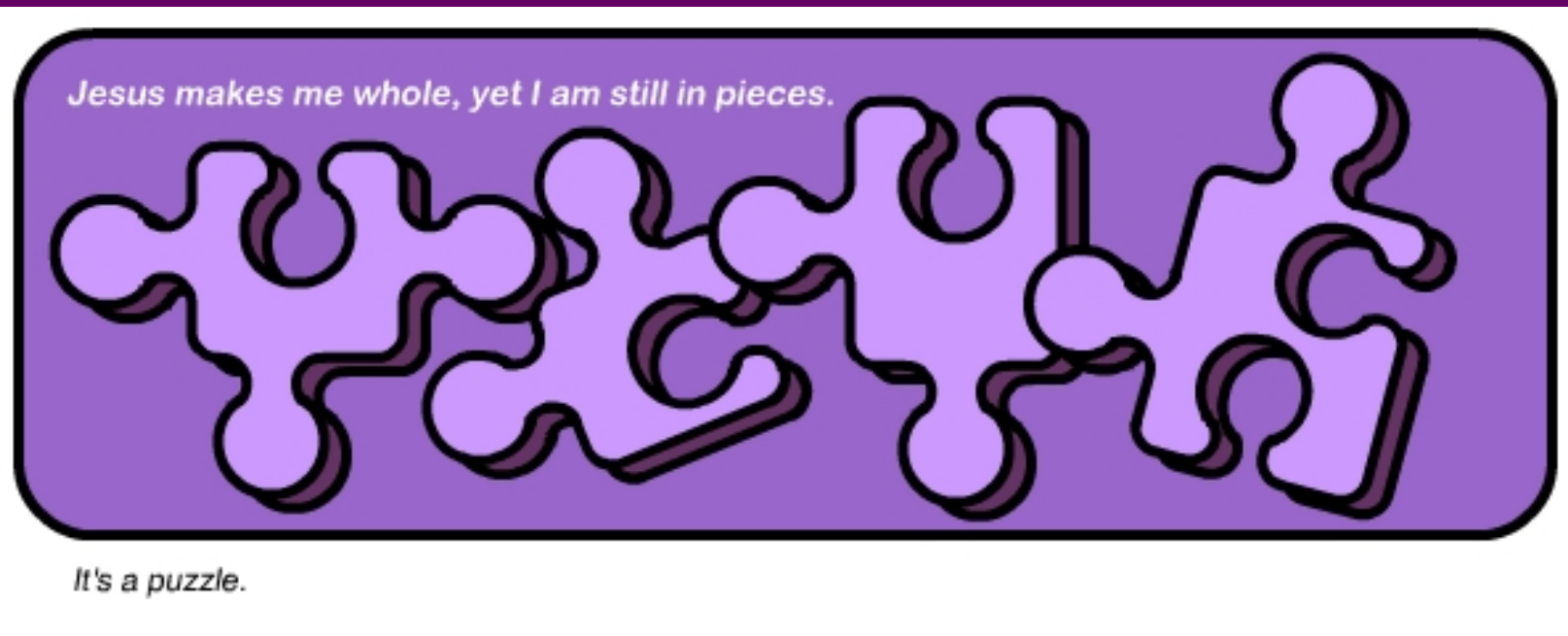


".. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do... "



"Many years ago I was driven to conclude that the two major causes of most emotional problems among evangelical Christians are these: the failure to understand, receive, and live out God's unconditional grace and forgiveness; and the failure to give out that unconditional love, forgiveness and grace to other people. "

~ David Seamands



GOD HELPS THOSE
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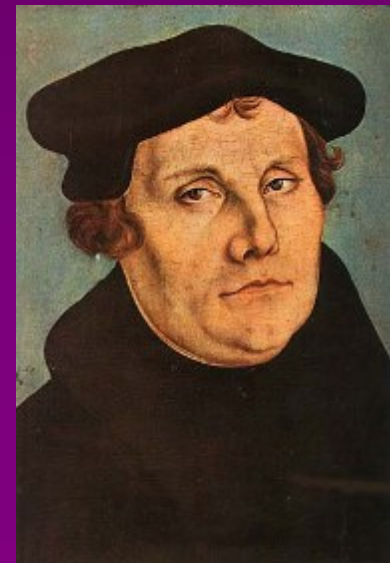
BY HELPING THEMSELVES



The prodigal daughter by Charlie Mackesy

“For the sake of him who has pure grace with God, we are also accepted by grace, although we have not yet attained full obedience to the law. Then having been given that comfort and grace, we receive the Holy Spirit through his power, so that *we do not just have empty letters within us*, but attain the truth and begin to fulfill God's commandment – but in such a way that *we scoop out of his fullness*, and drink out of this spring.”

(Sermon of 2 Corinthians 3:4-11
par 31. SL XII 849f)



Political use
of the Law

Sin-exposing
use of the Law



Gospel



Third use
Of the Law



Political use
of the Law

Sin-exposing
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Gospel



Fruit of
the Gospel



"Man receives grace at once and fully. Thus he is saved. Good works do not need to come to his assistance but are to follow. It is precisely as if God were to produce a fresh, green tree out of a dry log, which tree would then bear its natural fruit. A very great, strong, mighty and active matter is the grace of God. It does not lie asleep in the soul, as visionary preachers fable; nor does it let itself be carried about, as a painted board carries its color. No, none of that! ..."

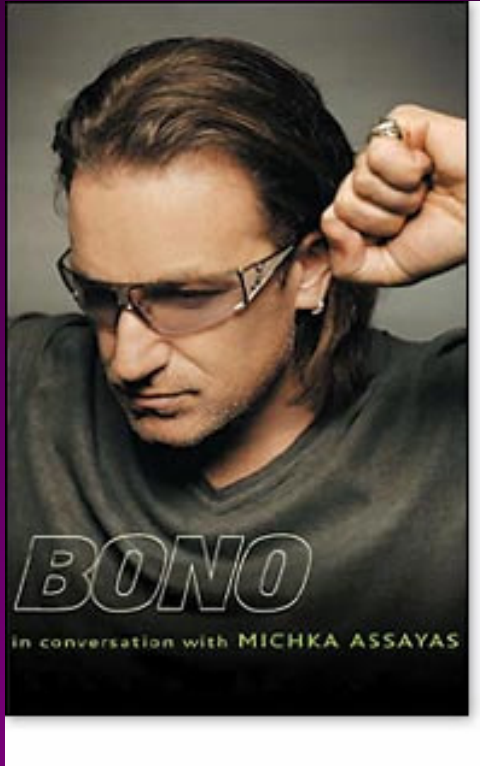


"Grace hears, it leads, it drives, it draws, it changes, it works all in man, and lets itself be distinctly felt and experienced. It is hidden, but its works are evident. Words and works show where it dwells, just as the fruit and the leaves of a tree indicate the kind and the character of the tree. "

(Anthology No. 1877 - W 10 I, 1, 114)



Assayas:



I think I am beginning to understand religion because I have started acting and thinking like a father. What do you make of that?

Bono:

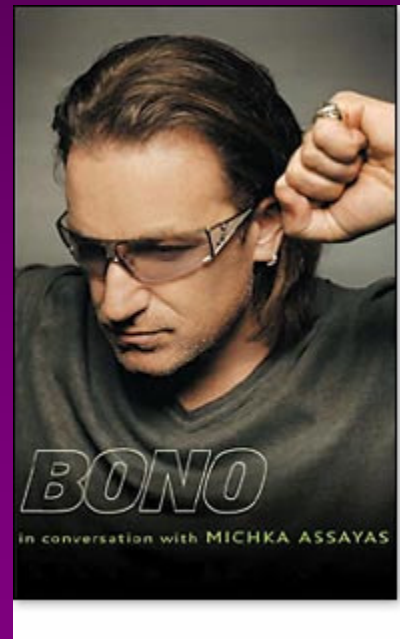
Yes, I think that's normal. It's a mind-blowing concept that the God who created the universe might be looking for company, a real relationship with people, but the thing that keeps me on my knees is the difference between Grace and Karma

Assayas:

I haven't heard you talk about that.

Bono:

I really believe we've moved out of the realm of Karma into one of Grace.



Assayas:

Well, that doesn't make it clearer for me.

Bono:

You see, at the center of all religions is the idea of Karma.

You know, what you put out comes back to you: an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth, or in physics—in physical laws—every action is met by an equal or an opposite one. It's clear to me that Karma is at the very heart of the universe. I'm absolutely sure of it. And yet, along comes this idea called Grace to upend all that "as you reap, so you will sow" stuff. Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff.

Assayas:

I'd be interested to hear that.

Bono:

That's between me and God. But I'd be in big trouble if Karma was going to finally be my judge. I'd be in deep s---. It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for Grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the Cross, because I know who I am, and I hope I don't have to depend on my own religiosity.

Assayas: The Son of God who takes away the sins of the world. I wish I could believe in that.

Bono: But I love the idea of the Sacrificial Lamb. I love the idea that God says: *Look, you cretins, there are certain results to the way we are, to selfishness, and there's a mortality as part of your very sinful nature, and, let's face it, you're not living a very good life, are you? There are consequences to actions.* The point of the death of Christ is that Christ took on the sins of the world, so that what we put out did not come back to us, and that our sinful nature does not reap the obvious death. That's the point. It should keep us humbled... . It's not our own good works that get us through the gates of heaven.



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