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The means of grace, the cross

The response to grace, devotion

The need for grace, sin

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following **the course of this world**, following **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in **the passions of our flesh**, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.
(Ephesians 2:1–3)

Sin is our biggest problem!

A low-angle photograph of a wooden cross on a hill. The cross is made of dark, weathered wood and stands on a dark, rocky outcrop. The background is a vast, blue sky with soft, white clouds. The lighting is soft, suggesting dawn or dusk. The overall mood is solemn and contemplative.

The Cross

the means of grace

Why does God offer us grace?

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— (Ephesians 2:4–5)

A wooden cross stands on a hill against a blue sky. The word "GRACE" is written in white, capital letters across the cross.

GRACE

He loves us

Why does God offer us grace?

“he chose us in him before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, because he loved us” (Eph 1:4)



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Why does God offer us grace?

²⁴ [we] are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness. (Romans 3:24–25)

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GRACE

He loves us

He is righteous

Incarnation

“You shall call his name Jesus, for he will **save his people from their sins**”
(Matt. 1:21)



How does God offer us grace?

Incarnation

“¹⁴ Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” (Hebrews 2:14–15)



How does God offer us grace?

Incarnation

⁵ You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

(1 John 3:5)

²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. (2

Corinthians 5:21)



How does God offer us grace?

Incarnation

Crucifixion

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. (Romans 5:8–9)



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²⁴ **He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24)**



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¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.” (Col. 1:19–20)



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Resurrection

“He was **delivered over to death** for our sins and was **raised to life** for our justification” (Rom. 4:5)



How does God offer us grace?

Incarnation

Crucifixion

Resurrection

Enthronement



Christ Jesus is the one who died *(crucifixion)*

—more than that, who was raised *(resurrection)*

—who is at the right hand of God *(enthroned)*

who indeed is interceding for us.

(Romans 8:34)

How does God offer us grace?

What is the result of God's grace in us?

“²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him” (Colossians 1:21–22)

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It changes our condition

What is the result of God's grace in us?

⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, (Ephesians 2:5–6)

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It changes our condition

It changes our position

Sin is our biggest **problem!**

“I will not boast in anything but
the cross of Jesus Christ my Lord”
(Galatians 6:14)

The **cross** is our greatest **delight**

