



Faith Talk

Trinity Canadian Reformed Church

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Grace

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What do you think of when you read the word “Grace?” Perhaps your first thought is that grace is a prayer before a meal, the disposition of goodwill or having mercy. Today we will think about the grace of God.

In the Bible, Ephesians 2:8 says “For it is by grace you have been saved through faith-- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.” This means that God saves us through faith, which is His gift to us. It is by His grace that we are saved. Why do we need to be saved? Well, the Bible tells us that we are all born as sinful people. If we are honest with ourselves we know this to be true. Therefore, we as sinful people, who sin against our Holy God, need to humble ourselves and confess our guilt to Him. In Luke 18:13, we can read about the tax collector who cried out, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” In verse 14, God says, “he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

The beauty of God's grace to us is that we do not deserve it. If we can see how unworthy we are of God's love, then we can see His merciful grace at work -- He does not deal with His children as they deserve. God sent His Son Jesus Christ to bear the punishment for our sins. When we realize this, we are filled with an awesome sense of thankfulness and gratitude.

So the next time we hear the word “Grace”, let us remember it is the gift of God to an undeserving sinner. Let us be comforted by the good news in Romans 6:23: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

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