

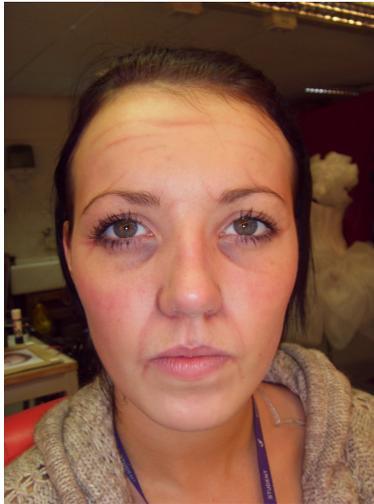
alcoholic," there was hope for a cure.

It's much the same way with salvation. As long as a person makes excuses for his sinful behavior, he'll never experience deliverance. It's only when he admits, "I am a sinner and cannot save myself," that the Lord will rescue him from sin and its awful consequences. The proud and boastful Pharisee in Luke 18 was lost. The tax collector, however, acknowledged his sinfulness and "went down to his house justified" (v.14).

If you have never done so before, admit your guilt and receive the Lord Jesus as your Savior. Remember, salvation is for sinners only. --RWD

*Naught have I gotten but what I received,
Grace has bestowed it since I have believed;
Boasting excluded, pride I abase--
I'm only a sinner saved by grace! --Gray*

Jesus can change the foulest sinner into the finest saint.



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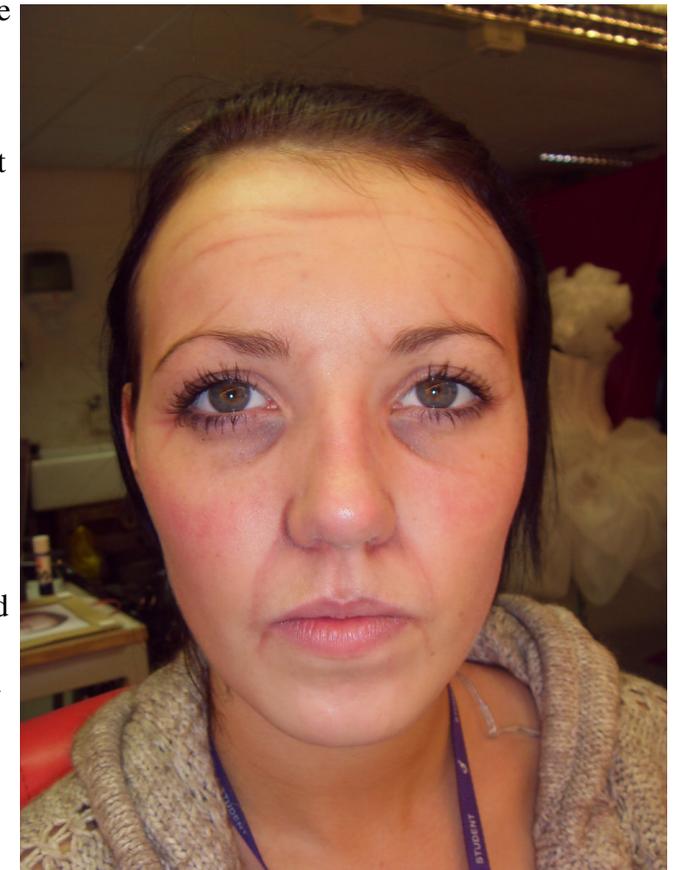
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Grace-For Sinners Only

The tax collector . . . beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!." --Luke 18:13

An article in newspaper described a woman who overcame her drinking habit--but only after she admitted she had a problem. She said the "emotional moment" came when she brought herself to say, "I'm Betty and I'm an alcoholic."

She had been saying that her slurred speech, drowsiness, and other problems were due to the medication she was taking for a chronic ailment. But the family knew the real cause and confronted her. As a result, she finally faced up to her problem. Before that, she was a hopeless case. But when she said, "I'm an





Grace

Let's look at 3 aspects of grace today:

1. _____ grace to _____,

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9

(Acts 18:27) "... he greatly helped those who had believed through grace;"

(Romans 5:20) "... But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,"

(2 Corinthians 4:15) "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."

(2 Thessalonians 2:16) "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting consolation [encouragement] and good hope by grace,"

(2 Corinthians 8:9) "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."

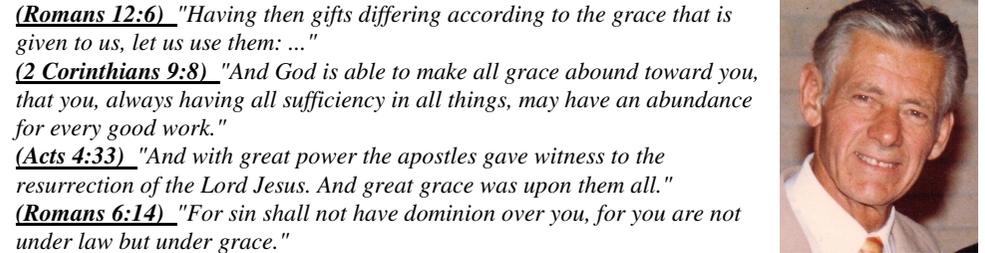
(Hebrews 2:9) "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."



2. _____ grace to _____, Ephesians 3:7

(Acts 13:43) "... Paul and Barnabas.. speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God."

(Acts 20:32) ""So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified."



(Romans 12:6) "Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: ..."

(2 Corinthians 9:8) "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work."

(Acts 4:33) "And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all."

(Romans 6:14) "For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace."

(2 Corinthians 12:9) "And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.""

(1 Peter 5:10) "But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you."

(Hebrews 4:16) "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

(James 4:6) "But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.""

(Hebrews 10:29) "Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has ... insulted the Spirit of grace?"

(2 Thessalonians 1:11-12) "Therefore we also pray always for you that ... {12} ..the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

3. _____ grace in _____, Ephesians 4:29

(John 1:14-17) "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. {16} And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace. {17} For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

(2 Corinthians 1:12) "For our boasting is this: ... that we conducted ourselves in the world in simplicity and godly sincerity, by the grace of God, and more abundantly toward you."

(2 Peter 3:18) "but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

(Luke 4:22) "So all bore witness to Him, and marveled at the gracious words which proceeded out of His mouth. ..."

(Colossians 4:6) "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."

(2 Corinthians 8:7) "But as you abound in everything; in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us; see that you abound in this grace also."

(Colossians 3:16) "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

