



Yes! His grace is sufficient.

In the old days, Red Cross training in lifesaving included the words "Row. Throw. Go." If a person is in trouble in deep water, the first option for rescue is to row out to him. If no boat is there, throw him a life ring or a rope. If those options are not available, swim out to him yourself and attempt a rescue.

You can see the parallels in witnessing to a friend or family member. Whichever method is required, God will give you all the grace you need—and more—to get it done. He has lavished His grace on you. Use it! Remember, God is for you, and He will be there with everything you need. —DE

#### REFLECTION

- What can I do to put the lavish riches of God's grace to work in my life?
- How does it help me to know that whatever happens God is on my side?
- What have I learned about God's grace from today's Scriptures and this article?

**God gives us the grace to risk a rescue.**

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### Row! Throw! Go!

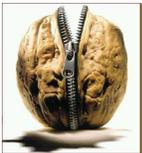
We don't know as much about the grace of God as we should. It's one of the Lord's most precious gifts. Ephesians 1:7-8 tells us that we are redeemed and forgiven through Christ's sacrificial death "in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us." Other verses tell us that God's grace abounds to us—it overflows in its abundance (2 Corinthians 9:8; 1 Timothy 1:14). God gives us tons of grace.

The word *grace* may be defined by this statement: "God is for us; He is on our side." God acted on our behalf through Jesus' work for us on the cross. He has gifted us far more than we can imagine. Each of us should be overwhelmed with the rich blessings of His grace freely poured out on us.

God's grace, given to us in Jesus Christ, fills us with joy and enables us in faith to bear the burdens and responsibilities of life. When Paul asked God three times to remove his "thorn in the flesh," the message from Jesus was, "My grace is sufficient for you" (2 Corinthians 12:9). By grace, God demonstrated His strength through Paul's weakness.

We need this grace to fulfill the commands of Christ. For example, He told us to witness. "In my school?" you say. "In my dormitory full of foul language and weekend partying?"





# Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)  
Lifesaving

In Romans 10 Paul gives three good reasons to witness:

**1. People do not see their \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ them, verses 1-5**



**2. The gospel is very \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ them, verses 6-13, 323, 6:23, 10:9**

**(Romans 10:9)** "That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," ..." [paraphrase]

**(Romans 4:3)** "... "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.""

**(Mark 1:15)** "... "Repent, and believe in the gospel.""



**3. People need to \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_ to them, verses 14-17**

**(Matthew 28:19)** ""Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, ...,"

**(Romans 10:14)**... And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? [paraphrase]

