

# GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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## Forgiving Grace

The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. Psalm 145:8

For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. James 2:10

My guilt overwhelms me— it is a burden too heavy to bear. Psalm 38:4

Guilt is actually a warning light.

### Kinds of Guilt:

I) \_\_\_\_\_ guilt.

II) \_\_\_\_\_ guilt.

How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Galatians 3:3

### To Discern Whether it's Genuine or False Guilt, Ask:

I) Is the focus on \_\_\_\_\_ or on \_\_\_\_\_?

II) Is it \_\_\_\_\_ or is it \_\_\_\_\_?

III) Is it \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_?

### We Often Respond To Guilt With:

<sup>6</sup> The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. <sup>7</sup> At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. <sup>8</sup> When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. <sup>9</sup> Then the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup> He replied, "I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked." <sup>11</sup> "Who told you that you were naked?" the LORD God asked. "Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man replied, "It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God asked the woman, "What have you done?" "The serpent deceived me," she replied. "That's why I ate it."

Genesis 3:6-13

- I) \_\_\_\_\_.
- II) \_\_\_\_\_.
- III) \_\_\_\_\_.

**God's Way of Handling Guilt:** \_\_\_\_\_

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

**To Find God's Forgiving Grace, I:**

I) \_\_\_\_\_ my sins.

A. O God, you know how foolish I am; my sins cannot be hidden from you. Psalm 69:5

B. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.... James 5:16

II) \_\_\_\_\_ God's character.

"Let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, because we have been made free from a guilty conscience..." Hebrews 10:22 (NCV)

III) \_\_\_\_\_ God's forgiveness.

<sup>16</sup> "For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him. <sup>18</sup> "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him... John 3:16-18a

"I finally admitted all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them. I said to myself, 'I will confess them to the Lord.' And You forgave me. All my guilt is gone."

Psalm 32:5 (TLB)