

# GOD'S AMAZING GRACE

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## Liberating Grace

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

Perfectionism is trying to prove my \_\_\_\_\_ by being perfect.

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

### Perfectionism:

- I) \_\_\_\_\_ my initiative.  
If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done. Ecclesiastes 11:4 (TLB)
- II) \_\_\_\_\_ my relationships.  
Love forgets mistakes; nagging about them parts the best of friends. Proverbs 17:9 (TLB)
- III) \_\_\_\_\_ my happiness.  
A. Don't be excessively righteous, and don't be overly wise. Why should you destroy yourself?  
Ecclesiastes 7:16 (HCSB)

### To RELAX in God's Grace, I:

- I) \_\_\_\_\_ Nobody's Perfect.  
A. Nothing is perfect except your words. Psalm 119:96  
B. "There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake."  
Ecclesiastes 7:20
- II) \_\_\_\_\_ God's Unconditional Love.  
A. See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!... 1  
John 3:1a  
B. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31b
- III) \_\_\_\_\_ God Handle Things  
A. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)  
B. A relaxed attitude lengthens a man's life; jealousy rots it away. Proverbs 14:30 (TLB)

C. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. Philippians 4:12

IV) \_\_\_\_\_ in Faith, Not Fear.

A. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. Ephesians 2:8-9

B. So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, Colossians 2:6 (NIV)

V) \_\_\_\_\_ My Perfectionism for God's Peace

A. Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light." Matthew 11:28-30

B. "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

C. But you are to be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect. Matthew 5:48

D. Christian living is based on \_\_\_\_\_, not guilt.

E. For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. Romans 3:23

Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God... Hebrews 12:15a

**My Next Step Is:**

- I'm deciding for Christ and accepting the free gift of Salvation!
- I'm recommitting my life to Christ.
- I will memorize Matthew 11:28-30.
- Today I choose to exchange my perfection for God's grace.