

“OUTRAGEOUS” GRACE

Ephesians 2:8, “It is by GRACE you have been saved, through faith - and it is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not works, so that no one can boast.”

The Message: “Saving us is all God’s idea . . . and all His work. All we have to do is trust Him enough to let Him do it. It’s God’s gift from start to finish.”

WHY DOES GOD EXTEND **OUTRAGEOUS** GRACE TO US?

1. TO REMIND US WE ARE ACCEPTED

- “Christ has **accepted** you.” - Romans 15:7
- “Even if my mother and father forsake me, the Lord will receive me.” Psalm 27:10

2. TO ASSURE US WE ARE LOVED

“The mountains and hills may crumble but My love for you will never end,” so says the Lord who loves you.” Isaiah 54:10

3. TO CONVINCING US WE ARE VALUABLE

Two things that determine value

1. Who Owns it

- “*You belong to God.*” 1 John 4:4

2. What someone is willing to pay for it.

- “*You have been bought and paid for by Christ [in other words, His own life He gave for you], so you belong to Him.*” 1 Corinthians 7:23
- “*God says, ‘You are precious to me.’*” Isaiah 43:4

4. TO PROVE TO US WE ARE FORGIVABLE.

“I am the God who forgives your sins and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you.” - Isaiah 43:25

5. TO ENCOURAGE US TO SHOW OUTRAGEOUS GRACE TO OTHERS

Be kind and (**OUTRAGEOUSLY**) compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ God forgave you. Ephesians 4:32