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what the cross of Jesus offers us. for free.

Ephesians 2:1-10

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The Bad News:

We have overestimated our goodness

We are enslaved

- By the influence of a godless society

The bad news
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- By the evil one

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We are enslaved

- By the influence of a godless society
- By the evil one
- By our own sinful nature

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We are spiritually dead

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No one is righteous— not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not a single one.

Romans 3:10-12

We deserve God's anger

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This biblical statement about the 'deadness' of non-Christian people raises problems for many because it does not seem to square with the facts of everyday experience. Lots of people who make no Christian profession whatever, who even openly repudiate Jesus Christ, appear to be very much alive. One has the vigorous body of an athlete, another the lively mind of a scholar, a third the vivacious personality of a film star. Are we to say that such people, if Christ has not saved them, are dead?

Yes...we must and do say this very thing. For in the sphere which matters supremely (which is neither the body, nor the mind, nor the personality, but the soul) they have no life. And you can tell it. They are blind to the glory of Jesus Christ, and deaf to the voice of the Holy Spirit. They have no love for God, no sensitive awareness of his personal reality, no longing for fellowship with his people. They are as unresponsive to him as a corpse. So we should not hesitate to affirm that a life without God (however physically fit and mentally alert the person may be) is a living death, and that those who live it are dead even while they are living.

John Stott

But

But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:4-7

The Good News:
We have underestimated God's grace

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless

Ephesians 5:25-27





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Grace

Unmerited favour poured out
on people who deserve judgement.



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For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Neither our merits nor our demerits determine how much grace we need, because grace does not supplement merits or make up for demerits. Grace does not take into account merit or demerits at all. Rather grace considers all men and women as totally underserving and unable to do anything to deserve the blessing of God.

Jerry Bridges

[Grace] is treating a person without the slightest reference to what they deserve at all, but solely according to the infinite goodness and sovereign purpose of God.

C. Samuel Storms

How We Worship

Grace changes...

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Our motivation for
doing good deeds

Grace changes...

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Let me put this question to you: How did your new life begin? Was it by working your heads off to please God? Or was it by responding to God's Message to you? Are you going to continue this craziness? For only crazy people would think they could complete by their own efforts what was begun by God. If you weren't smart enough or strong enough to begin it, how do you suppose you could perfect it?

Galatians 3:2-4

Everything

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