

## Grace~ism Pt 1 - The Application of Grace

1 - **John 3:17-18** <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. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God’s one and only Son.”* (NLT)

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*“The fundamental understanding of grace is rooted in the knowledge of our own, true, spiritual condition...”* (PG)

### 1 - WHAT IS GRACE?

A - **Grace:** *the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.*

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**Ephesians 2:8-9** <sup>8</sup> *For **by grace** you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;* <sup>9</sup> *not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.* (NASB)

B - Consider it a doorway: The doorway represents grace / anyone who steps through this doorway will find salvation and the forgiveness of sin. The doorway is not salvation itself, but the path we take in order to receive it.

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### 2 - What Is An “ISM”?

A - ISM: a distinctive practice, system, or philosophy:

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B - What is “Grace~ism”? *The distinctive practice, system, or philosophy of offering to others free and unmerited favor, in the same way God offered it to you in hopes of guiding them to the Grace of God.*

**Matthew 6:14-15** <sup>14</sup> *“For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.* <sup>15</sup> *“But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”*

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You cannot walk through the door, receive the unmerited Grace and forgiveness of God, then try to block the entrance because someone had failed to live up to your expectations.

At a fundamental level, Grace~ism is making the choice to consistently value the person over the issue.