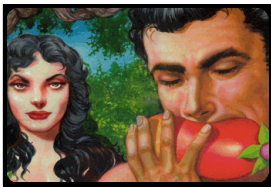


The TRUTH about GRACE & LOVE

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Grace, the word, first appears in the book of Genesis: "But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord" (Genesis 6:8). But "grace" was first displayed in the Garden of Eden.

God commanded Adam: "...Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17).



But Adam disobeyed God, and ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Adam and his wife Eve sought to cover up their own disobedience, but God sought them out.

Disobedience to God is called "sin." Here's how it works: When a man is tempted to disobey, he is drawn away, or 'dragged towards' by his own lust, and enticed, or 'entrapped.'

Then, when lust has conceived, that is, when lust has 'seized or captured' its prey, it brings forth sin. And sin, when it is finished, or 'completed entirely,' brings forth death. Read James 1:14-15.

Although "...the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), "the **GIFT** of God is eternal life **THROUGH** Jesus Christ."

God gave His law to **PROVE** to humanity that we are too weak to be obedient to his law because of our very nature. Therefore, God provided a way to escape from the wages of sin.

You see, God **loves** all of mankind so much, that while "...we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly... God commendeth his **LOVE** toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8).

The word "**Grace**" means more than just "favor," but "undeserved mercy, a favor rendered by God Himself who doesn't really have to do so."

"For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to **ALL** men (both male and female), Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works" (Titus 2:11-14).



Above, we see that Christ "gave himself" for us. His Father also gave: "For God so loved the world, that **HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN** Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have (it's a gift) everlasting life" (John 3:16).

There is another life we know nothing of and it's called "**ETERNITY**." Because of repentance towards God, I am a part of it. Are you? Tell God you're sorry now!

We use the OLD King James Version: Amos 8:11 "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."