

**PERSONAL APPLICATION**

1. Do you feel like you are missing out on God's grace? Ask God to reveal to you what is hindering you from enjoying your relationship with Him.

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2. Are you fully convinced that what Jesus did on the cross is enough to save you from your sins? If not, ask the leader of your group to explain to you what happened on the cross.

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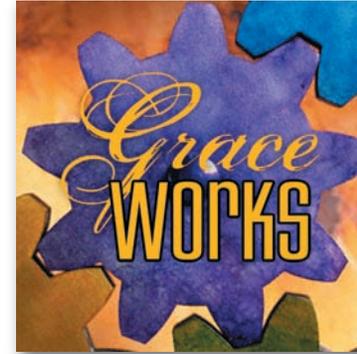
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3. Do you tend to do things on your own strength? Ask God to help you change your thinking and help you receive His grace.

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# What is Grace?

**WARM-UP**

1. Tell of a time when someone forgave you after admitting your fault. How did it feel?

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2. What is the greatest sacrifice you have done for a friend? Why did you do it?

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3. What is the most memorable gift you have ever received? What made that gift special?

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**PRAYER**

On the space provided below, record prayer requests and answers to prayer.

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**WORD**

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ . . .*

Galatians 1:3

In the world's standards, performance is the gauge to success in sports, studies, work, and even in life. Being used to this makes it hard for us to grasp the idea of grace, which is a vital in the Christian life. What then is grace? The following points will help you understand and appreciate God's grace:

**1. Grace is based on our relationship with God.**

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Romans 1:7

In times of failure, we normally would run to our loved ones for comfort, knowing that they will readily accept us. God as our Father gives us grace by accepting us as His children even in times of failure. Tell of a time when you experienced God's acceptance.

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**2. Grace is based on God's sacrifice.**

*<sup>3</sup>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father . . .*

Galatians 1:3,4

Jesus' sacrifice of Himself did not only spare us from the punishment of our sins but even gave us the privilege of enjoying His grace as we live our lives for

Him. How does the grace of God help you live your life now?

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**3. Grace is a gift from God.**

*<sup>8</sup>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 2:9

*But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!*

Romans 5:15

A gift is something that we don't earn and deserve but something that we simply accept and be thankful for. Grace is God's gift to us. All we need to do is to receive it and not try to earn it by our own efforts. What happens if we try to earn God's grace?

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