

# UNDERSTANDING GRACE

2 Peter 3:18

---

PASTOR ZAC NAZARIAN | Jun 14-16, 2019

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”* – is this a suggestion or a command?

How is a person saved from the power of sin, Satan and hell? *Ephesians 2:8*

Since we’re commanded to grow...how are we to grow?

Now before we can *“grow in grace”*, we must know that there are two obstacles to grace

1. Self
2. False Grace

What exactly is “*grace*”? How can it be defined?

- *Romans 2:4b*
- *Luke 15*
- *Luke 7*
- *Luke 19:5*
- *Acts 7*
- *Psalm 103:10*

Grace is the opposite of legalism, which says, in effect, that you get only what you deserve.

Grace on the other hand, gives you what you have not deserved. Because of that, grace changes a person.

How have you been changed by grace (either God’s or another person’s)?

Paul says that grace destroys the power of sin –  
*Romans 6:14 – “sin shall not be your master...”*

What inescapable condition must be met if grace is to have its transforming effect?

There is a counterfeit of grace – it tells you it doesn't matter how you behave.

Is grace something that frees us to “*go on sinning*” (*Romans 6:1*) or sin because we “*are not under law, but under grace*” (*Romans 6:14*)? Why/Why not?

Why is it important to take sin and God's law seriously?

We only come to God's grace because we have seen the urgency of His law and the awfulness of our sins.

Grace doesn't do away with the law...it is the way of its fulfillment.

- *Romans 7:6*
- *Romans 8:4*

The law can only produce a kind of outward or external morality not a true heart righteousness.

The law cannot produce that which it requires, it can only produce guilt, condemnation, and judgment.

Grace, by its very nature produces both the desire and the power to do what the law requires.

Grace can and must produce a heart change, once it is answered by true, wholehearted faith.