

From Guilt to Grace

Isaiah 59:1-2—But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear.

- This is what Jesus came to fix this—**When did He come?**

Romans 5:8-10 (NKJV) But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. ¹⁰ For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Ephesians 2:1-9 (NKJV) And you *He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins*, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even **when we were dead in trespasses**, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come **He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus**. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the **gift** of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes** in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

- If you have accepted Jesus Christ, God's free-gift of grace, **sin isn't the issue**.
- Jesus took care of sin once and for all on the cross.
- Your ability to "do what's right" doesn't change how God feels about you.

Our sin is not being charged to our account. It's being charged to Jesus' account, and **He already paid the bill**.

God's willingness to work on our behalf has nothing to do with your ability to pay the tab.

- Living a sin conscious life hinders our relationship with God.
- Our time and effort is spent trying to pay for a gift instead of getting to know God.
- **God doesn't want repayment, He wants a relationship.**

Romans 3:21-22 (AMP) But now the righteousness of God has been revealed independently *and* altogether apart from the Law (performance, works, your ability to do and be good, to not sin)... Namely, the righteousness of God **which comes by believing** *with* personal trust *and* confident reliance on Jesus Christ (the Messiah and what He did on the cross for us).

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2 Corinthians 5:21(NKJV) For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Samuel 9:1-13, 2 Samuel 4:4 (NKJV)

Mephibosheth had been lied to all his life.

- He was **living in ignorance**, not knowing how the king truly felt about him.

Mephibosheth was taught who he was and what he deserved through the “care” of his nurse.

- He had no idea what the king thought about him.

We too can find ourselves in a type of LoDebar, broken, isolated, and alone.

Psalm 23:1-6 (NKJV) The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. ⁴ Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Mephibosheth began to receive the benefits of the King immediately—**even though he was broken**.