

**Grace – Are you a pagan believer?**  
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**Introduction**

“Amazing grace, how sweet the sound...”

Is it your desire to have a serious, godly relationship with Jesus?

**Are you a pagan believer?**

**An Illustration**

**A Long-Time Problem**

Do you treat salvation just as eternal fire insurance?

Jesus expects more from His followers.

Matthew 5:43-48

What does it mean to be perfect?

We can only be “perfect” because of faith in Christ.

1 Peter 2:11-12

1 Peter 4:3

1 Peter 4:4-5

The Point – The love and grace of God does not give us permission to sin without fear of consequences.  
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**Abused Grace**      Romans 6

Is the “sin-happy” view of grace something new?

What is one of the key purposes of grace?

“Grace gives a believer the power to live for God, not the security to sin in safety.”

You have to serve a master.

The Point - God didn't give you His grace so you can sin.  
God gave you His grace so you would have the power to live for Him.

**So What's the Problem?**

Do you want to be a poster-boy for Christ?

Or, do you plan to be a Romans 2:24 poster-boy?

The Point – “Christians who live like pagans hurt more than themselves. They also drag Christ's name through the mud and make it more difficult for non-Christians to put their faith in Christ.”

The Challenge – Live out your faith.

**Conclusion – His Very Own People**

1 John 2:6

Titus 2:14

“Grace gives us the desire and ability to live as Christ did, to eagerly do what is right. Far from giving us the ‘right’ or the ‘encouragement’ to do what grieves God, grace sets our hearts on doing what most delights God's pure heart.”

~ Pastor Mark D. Montgomery