

Grace – Do you have the real deal?
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Introduction

What is grace, really?

1. It is not marshmallow grace.
2. It is not jawbreaker grace.
3. It is real grace.

Do you have the real deal?

Real Grace in Action

If you want to see real grace in action, whom should you observe?

How did Jesus act toward the people who crossed His path?

1. Uninformed unbelievers

Real grace is a friend to sinners.

2. Beloved disciples

Real grace speaks the truth in love to fellow believers.

3. Leading religious leaders of the day

Real grace takes whatever measure is necessary to reach the hard heart.

Real Grace

1. Will woo the sinner to Christ.
2. Will give a fellow believer a hand on the shoulder or a kick in the pants depending on what the person most needs to move him or her toward a mature relationship with God.
3. Will use whatever means possible to turn hard hearts into repentant ones.

The Worst of Sinners Meets Grace

What Grace Does

Grace self-test –

- * Are your desires showing any signs of changing?
- * Do you find yourself wanting to do something God asks of you where before you would balk at obedience?

Four examples of the “real deal grace” operating in your life –
You become –

1. More generous
2. More productive
3. More godly
4. More blessed

Do you have the real deal? Are you growing in grace?

2 Peter 3:18...but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.