

# 1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11 - DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## THE GRACE OF GOD - (SERMON MP3)

**Every conversion story points to grace. The apostle Paul wrote about his in (1Tim. 1:12).** How does he describe himself prior to salvation? Notice the end of the verse, “the GRACE of our Lord overflowed for me...” What rescued him? What were you like prior to God’s grace saving you? Where would you be if His grace hadn’t reached out to you?



**Some people wonder if God has enough grace for the depth of their depravity.** They think things like, “I don’t know if God could forgive someone like me. I’ve done some terrible things in my life.” What comfort does (Rom. 5:20) offer us when we are deep in sin?



- How does (Eph. 2:7) describe the greatness of God’s grace? \_\_\_\_\_ The phrase describes the extraordinary, extreme, supreme, intensive degree of God’s grace. It is great grace.
- God’s grace is great because of what it does. According to (Eph. 2:5, 8) what does God’s grace do? \_\_\_\_\_
- But this work of God is not without cost. God’s grace is great because of what it demands. According to (Eph. 1:7; 2:13) what did God’s grace demand? \_\_\_\_\_

**Neither morality, sincerity, or religiosity will invoke God’s grace.** It is a free gift (Eph. 2:8). It can’t be earned, achieved, or deserved. It can only be humbly received. (1Pet. 5:5) “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”



- People who are proudly confident of their own uprightness have no need of God’s grace. They think, “God, I don’t need you because, frankly, I’m okay.” That’s what the Pharisee in (Luke 18:9-14) thought. Look up the reference and contrast the Pharisee with the other character mentioned. Then write out their distinct ends.
- In your present spiritual journey, are you operating on an “I’m okay” mentality? Are you functioning without a sense of need for God’s grace? Explain your response.

**Write down thoughts connected to the following two points.** Why are these important? What makes them hard to accept or implement? How do they touch your life personally? What would need to change in order to apply these to your life?



- God supplies grace to save (Romans 3:19-26).
- God supplies grace to sanctify (Titus 2:11-12).

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** From John Piper...Picture a railroad track and think of it as righteousness. The paradigm of grace would be a railroad car attached to the engine of God by the clasp of faith. You would be placed on and pulled along the track of righteousness by the gracious work of God. In contrast to that, those who want to operate on a paradigm of works, pick up the track and use it like a ladder. They point it to heaven and try to climb the ladder to God on their own – more laws more rungs, more climbing.

