

Grace For The Condemned!

Faces Of Grace, Pt. 1

John 8:2-11

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GRACE - God's favor toward those who are unworthy!

John 8:2, *At dawn He appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around Him, and He sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger ⁷When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. ¹⁰Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

Ephesians 2:8, *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

2 Corinthians 5:19, *God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And He has*

committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

As Christ's Ambassadors, We Must Minister Like Christ:

1) We Must Imitate His WISDOM

John 8:3, *The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" ⁶They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing Him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with His finger.*

Exodus 20:14, *You shall not commit adultery.*

Leviticus 20:10, *If a man commits adultery with another man's wife ... both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.*

2) We Must Imitate His WORDS

John 8:7, *When they kept on questioning Him, He straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.*

Deuteronomy 17:7, *The hands of the witnesses must be the first in putting him to death...*

3) We Must Imitate His GRACE

John 8:10, *Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”¹¹ “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you...”*

• **Forgiveness Does Not Imply A License To SIN**

Romans 6:1, *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ²By no means!*

Psalms 85:10, *Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.*

4) We Must Imitate His MISSION

John 8:11b, ... *“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

When Addressing Someone Caught In Sin, Ask Yourself:

1. Am I taking more pleasure in condemnation or restoration?
2. Am I being affected by peer pressure?
3. Am I saying what Christ would say and acting how Christ would act?
4. Am I casting a Christ-like shadow on this situation?

Takeaways:

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- Be in prayer this week for VBS.