

Good News! About Grace and Our Choice

1. The good news is an _____ from God

“Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. **Matthew 11:28 NLT**

“Come follow me.” **John 1:43 NLT**

““Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!” **John 7:37 NLT**

2. The God gives us the freedom to _____

Mark 10:21-22 NIV Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²²At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

3. Acceptance and forgiveness is _____, we don’t have to _____ it.

Luke 15:20 NLT - While he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him.

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT - God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

4. How do we _____ to God’s invitation?

Mark 1:15 CJB - “The time has come, God’s Kingdom is near! Turn to God from your sins and believe the Good News!”

Acts 20:21 NLT - “I have had one message—the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God, and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.”

a) _____ from going our own way and start going God’s way

Isaiah 53:6 NLT - All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own.

Luke 15:17-19 NLT - When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you ...”

b) _____ in Jesus and what he has done

John 6:29 NLT - ‘Jesus told them, “This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.”’

Ephesians 2:8 NLT – ‘God saved you by grace when you believed.’

5. But what about the _____

6. Two pictures of saying _____

a) _____ of your life to Jesus

Revelation 3:20 NLT - “Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends.”

b) The _____ ceremony

Additional Notes: