

Begin Anew

Believing in Grace

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1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word "grace?"

2. "Grace is free sovereign favor to the ill-deserving." *B.B. Warfield*

"Grace is love that cares and stoops and rescues." *John Stott*

"[Grace] is God reaching downward to people who are in rebellion against Him."
Jerry Bridges

"Grace is unconditional love toward a person who does not deserve it." *Paul Zahl*

3. <https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=video+of+police+officer+tying+a+knot+for+a+student&view=detail&mid=60BF6201B9642BAD041E60BF6201B9642BAD041E&FORM=VIRE>

4. *For (we have) all sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Ro. 3:23).*

5. *For the wages of sin (what we deserve) is death, but the gift of God (grace) is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ro. 6:23).*

6. *God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Ro. 5:8).*

7. *For it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast (Eph. 2:8-9).*

8. *He personally carried away our sins in his own body on the cross so we can be dead to sin and live for what is right (1 Pt. 2:24, NLT).*

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 15:57).

9. What have been your victories?

10. What's your story?

Let the whole world know about what he has done (Ps. 105:1, NLT).

Each day proclaim the good news that he saves... Tell everyone about the amazing things he does (Ps. 96:2-3, NLT).

11. *We cannot stop telling about the wonderful things we have seen and heard* (Acts 4:20, NLT).

12. *Many of the Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony...* (Jn. 4:39).

13. How can we tell our stories?

A. Before meeting Jesus

B. Meeting Jesus

C. Meeting with Jesus

14. Some Practical Story-Sharing Tips:

1. Pray about it. Write it down. Rewrite it. Rehearse it. Be enthusiastic. Be honest about your struggles. Smile and use humor.

2. KISS it: Keep it short and specific.

3. Tell your story in a way that is relevant to your listener.