



Living Out God's Vision!

CtK exists to connect all people to the life-giving message of Jesus, as we experience God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference in our world.

Day 5, Thursday, August 10th —Find Freedom

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins to deliver us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be the glory forever and ever Amen.

Galatians 1:3–5 ESV

As human beings, we are in bondage to sin from birth. We all fall short of His glory. His Grace frees us. Sometimes grace is misinterpreted for freedom itself. Grace is the act that freed us - on the cross resplendent saving grace. This grace is not a simple effect of the mercy of a God willing by His goodness to bestow full pardon; we receive His holiness and righteousness at the same time as His love.

That Jesus took off His deity – left Heaven – and humbled himself in the form of a servant, in a human body, was not enough. The atoning sacrifice of His death at Calvary was necessary. Jesus descended "so that by the grace of God, he might taste death for all." (Acts 2: 9) The shedding of blood was necessary, according to the law. (Lev. 17:11) Without blood there is no remission of sin. It is hard to comprehend the level of His sacrifice and how much we need Him. We are now justified freely - without sin - by His grace. It is by faith that we receive this gift of grace and are redeemed by His blood. There is nothing we can do, no works we can perform, to earn this redemption and free life. Grace would not be grace if we could earn it. (Romans 3:24)

Our peace was upon Him. (Isaiah 53: 5) Jesus paid a very high price to connect us with God so we could live in freedom - in Him. The world is wrestling in wars, between nations, between races, in the hearts of every individual, and between Satan and God - there is a battle for our freedom. But we who receive this incredible gift, His grace by faith, are kept in peace in Him. (Eph. 2:14) In peace, we can live in complete freedom.

Heavenly Father, we love you and praise you. We thank you for your son Jesus, for His sacrifice and victory over death. We thank you for loving us so much that you would give your son Jesus to die for our sins, that we might never be separated from you. Lord, help us receive this gift of your grace and live into your promise of freedom. Lord, many are trapped in their miss-steps and sins of this world and keep trying to earn forgiveness. Help them to know you, to find you, and receive your generous gift of grace. Help us all see that the chains have been broken, and teach us how to walk in freedom with you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

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