***Transforming Grace* by Jerry Bridges**

**Chapter 3 - “Grace—It Really Is Amazing”**

Study Questions

1. Read Romans 3:21-26.
   1. What does it mean that the “righteousness of God has been manifested”…“apart from the Law” (v. 21)?
   2. How does God’s righteousness get applied to us according to v. 22?
   3. What does it mean that Jesus Christ is our “propitiation” (v. 25a)? How does that demonstrate God’s righteousness regarding our sins (vv. 25b, 25a)? In other words, how does Christ becoming our propitation establish God as “just” (v. 26)?
2. What practical difference does the doctrine of justification by faith make? How does it affect the way we feel? How does it affect how we relate to God? How does it affect the way we view others?
3. Psalm 103:12 (Read the entire psalm to gain the context). What do we learn about the extent of our forgiveness from this psalm?
4. Read Isaiah 38:17 and Micah 7:18-19
   1. What do we learn about how God sees us now that we are in Christ?
   2. What happens to our relationship with God when we think God sees us *primarily* as a sinner?
   3. What do we learn about God’s forgiveness from Micah 7:18-19?
5. Read Isaiah 43:25.
   1. What does it mean that God does not remember our sins (pp. 34-35; cf. Jer 31:34)? Does He *actually* forget in the same way we forget?
   2. What does it mean that God blots out sin “for My own sake”?

Applications

1. Experiencing God’s forgiveness:
   1. Is there any sin that you are holding onto and not confessing to God? Confess it. Repent of it. God will forgive you. It’s not worth losing out on the joy of fellowship with God and the freedom of a clear conscience.
   2. Do you believe you have to suffer or in some way pay God back in order to be forgiven of your sin? Confess your unbelief. Take hold of the promises of 1 John 1:9 by faith and go straight to God for cleansing and forgiveness.
   3. Memorize one of the verses from this study and ponder it each day this week. Pray it. Ask God to help you see its glories and apply it to your life.
2. Take some time to pray over the truths gathered from this chapter. Worship and adore God and His Son. Praise Him. Thank Him.
3. Read the following quotes for your own edification.

“The generosity and the magnanimity of God are so great that **he accepts nothing from us without rewarding it beyond all computation.** . . . The vast disproportion existing between our work and God’s reward of it already displays his boundless grace, to say nothing of the gift of salvation which is made before we have even begun to do any work.” R. C. H. Lenski, *The Interpretation of St. Matthew’s Gospel*

“Perhaps the most difficult task for us to perform is to rely on God’s grace and God’s grace alone for our salvation. It is difficult for our pride to rest on grace. Grace is for other people—for beggars. We don’t want to live by a heavenly welfare system. We want to earn our own way and atone for our own sins. We like to think that we will go to heaven because we deserve to be there.” – R. C. Sproul