

Gifts of Grace

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- <u>Legalism</u> is a system in which a person seeks to gain God's <u>acceptance</u> by what he does.

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 The first of God's gift of grace was violent unto death, but it gave us a relationship with God and brought peace and life.



-Ephesians 2:10-

For we are God's workmanship,

created in Christ Jesus

to do good works,

which God prepared

in advance for us to do.

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- God's <u>creative</u> grace <u>ignores legalism</u> because God is always doing something <u>new</u> and <u>different.</u>

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- God's <u>creative</u> grace is experienced when we allow Him to work out His <u>purposes</u> in us.

 One of the gifts of God's grace is <u>creative</u> and <u>surprising</u>, yet it gives us <u>purpose</u> and brings <u>peace</u> and <u>freedom</u>.

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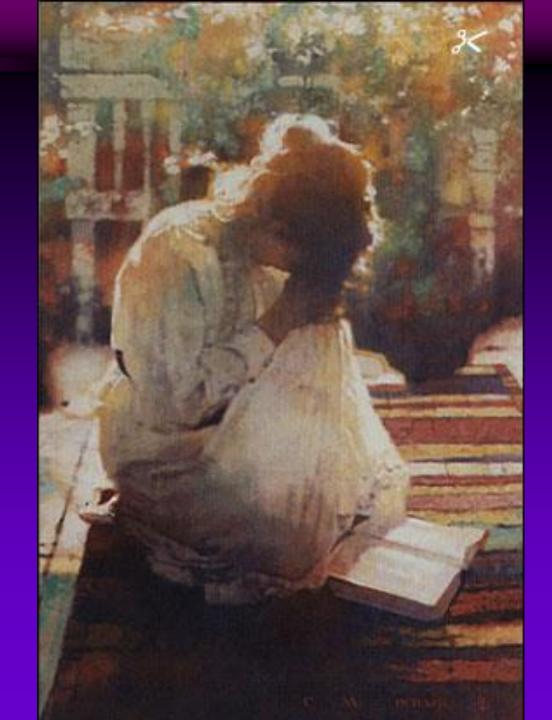
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- Abiding grace <u>dissolves</u> the <u>legalism</u> that requires <u>perfect</u> performance.



In Biding Grace

The <u>abiding</u> grace of God draws us into intimacy with Him bringing <u>peace</u> and strength.



We always thank God for you, mentioning you in our prayers.

We continually remember before our God and Father

your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love,

and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Thessalonians 1:1-2

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