

# GRACE

What's so amazing?

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A sunrise is awesome! Taking a picture never quite captures it. That's what it's like trying to grasp God's grace to us...yet it is so amazing!

## 2 Tim 3:16

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...and this is why we're  
Immanuel BIBLE Church!

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John 5:39

“You search the scriptures because you think in them you have eternal life, but it is these that testify of Me.”

*- Jesus*

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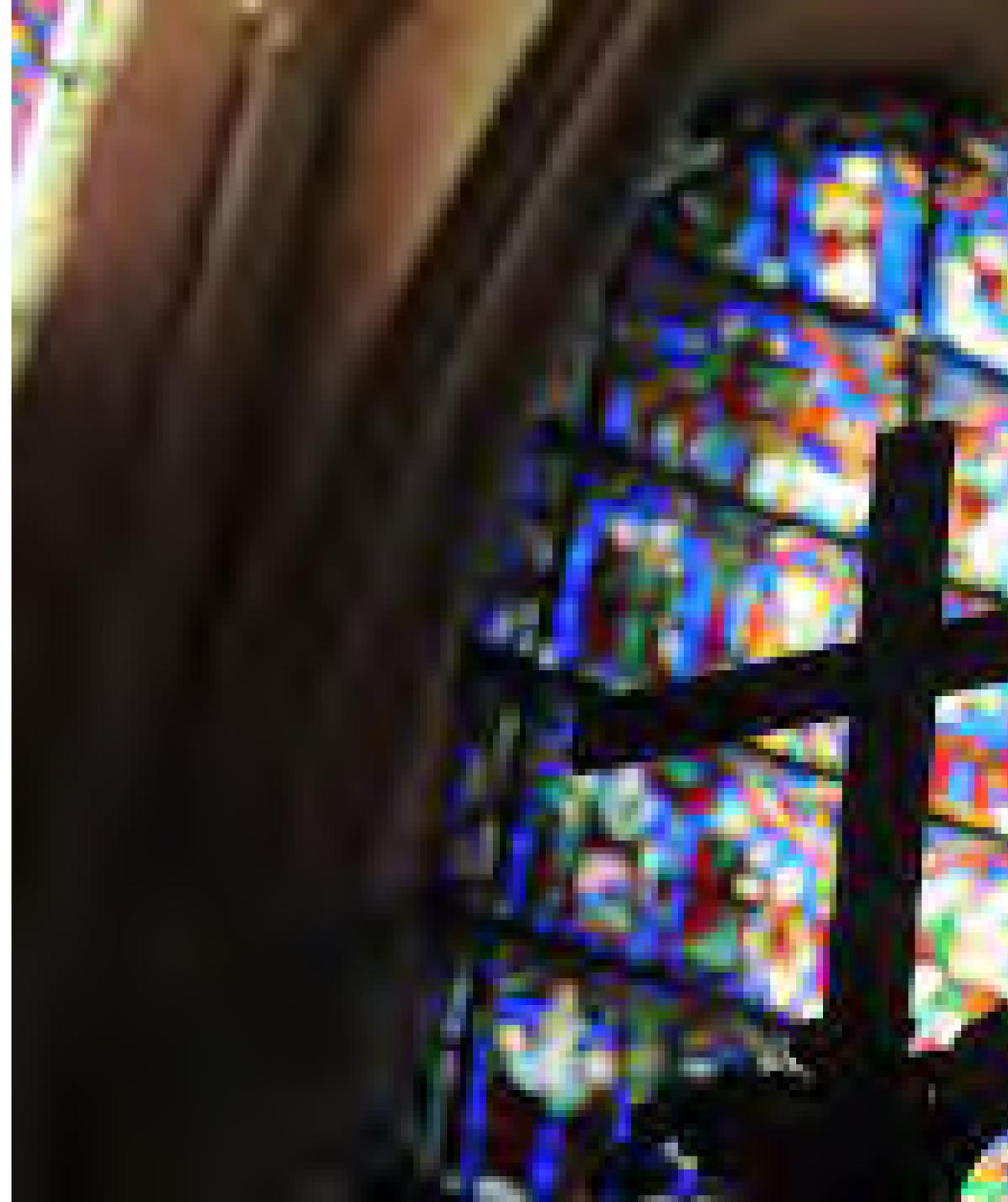
John 20:31

“these things are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name.”

# What's So Amazing About Grace?

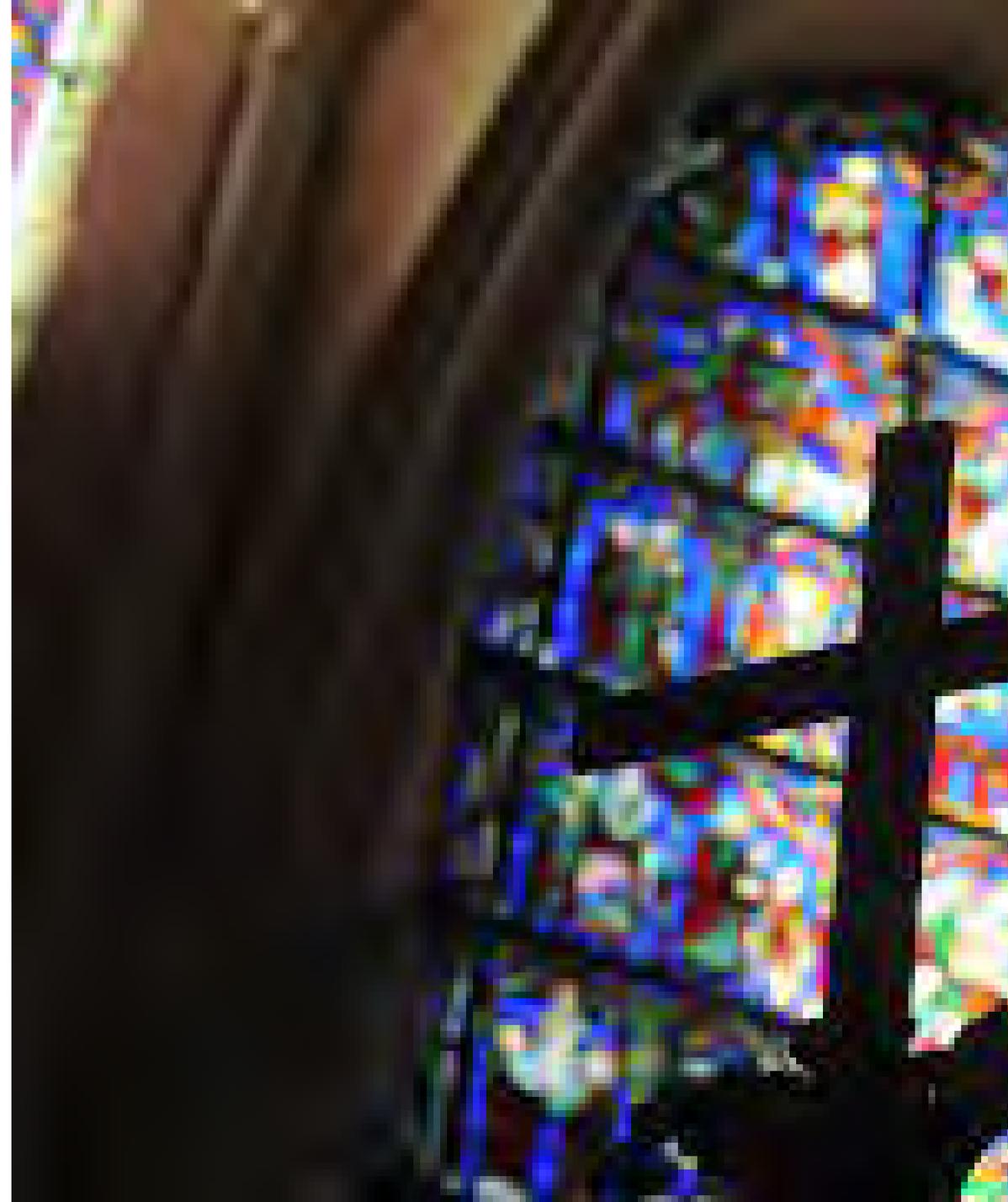
## Goals for our time together

- Help us better understand and grasp why God's grace is so amazing!
- Renew our joy, gratitude, and wonder for all Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection to pay for our sin and give us new life.
- Help us return to our first love and live for Christ out of thanksgiving for all He's done for us.
- To help us live in light of His grace (move from theoretical to how we live)



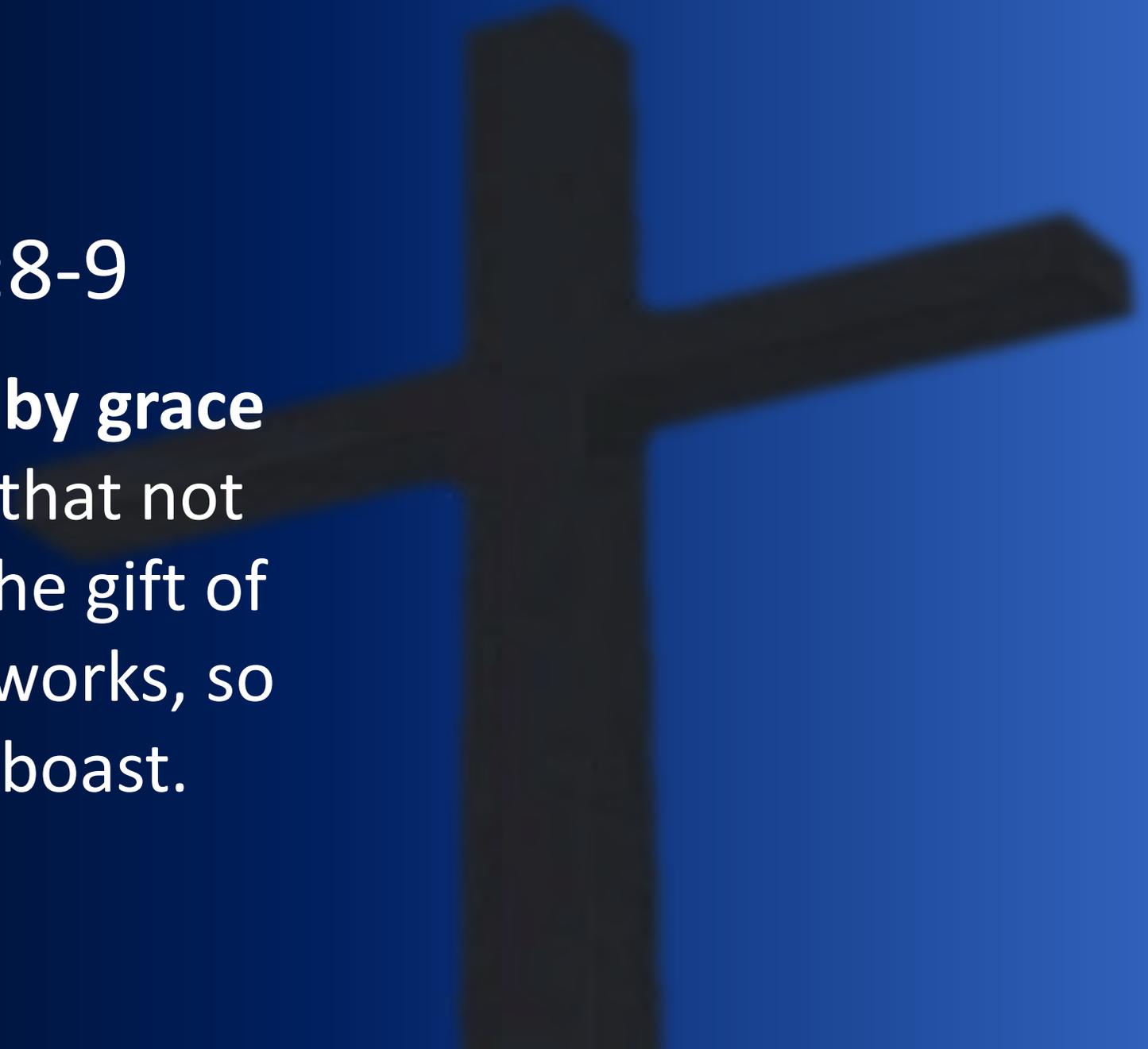
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  - Why does it matter?
  - What does it look like?
  - Help us consider how we should live



## Ephesians 2:8-9

**“For you are saved by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast.**



# Grace

is God's unmerited  
favor when we  
deserve judgment



# 62% of 400,000 Christians responded

“I feel spiritually lethargic...” (from Logos / Barna survey)



## AMISSING GRACE

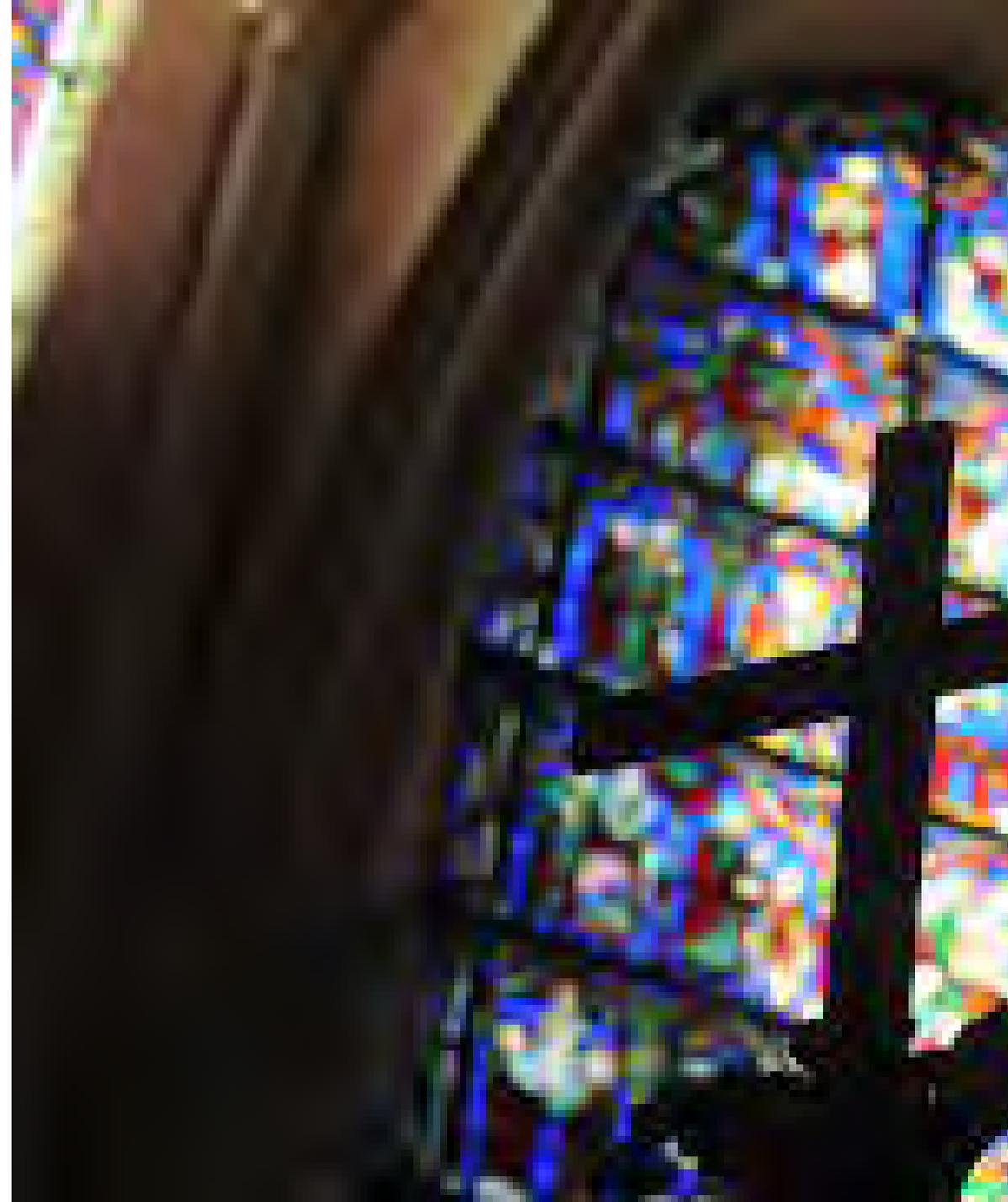
...the two major causes of emotional problems among evangelical Christians are these; **the failure to understand, receive, and live out God’s unconditional love, forgiveness, and grace... We read, we hear, we believe a good theology of grace. But that’s not the way we live.**

- David Seamands, counselor

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*Why does grace matter?*

## **God is Holy and Just**

(and we are dead in our sin)

We may dislike giving our attention to God's wrath and justice, but until we incline ourselves to these aspects of God's nature, we will never appreciate what has been wrought for us by grace."

- R.C. Sproul

The Holiness of God, p. 183



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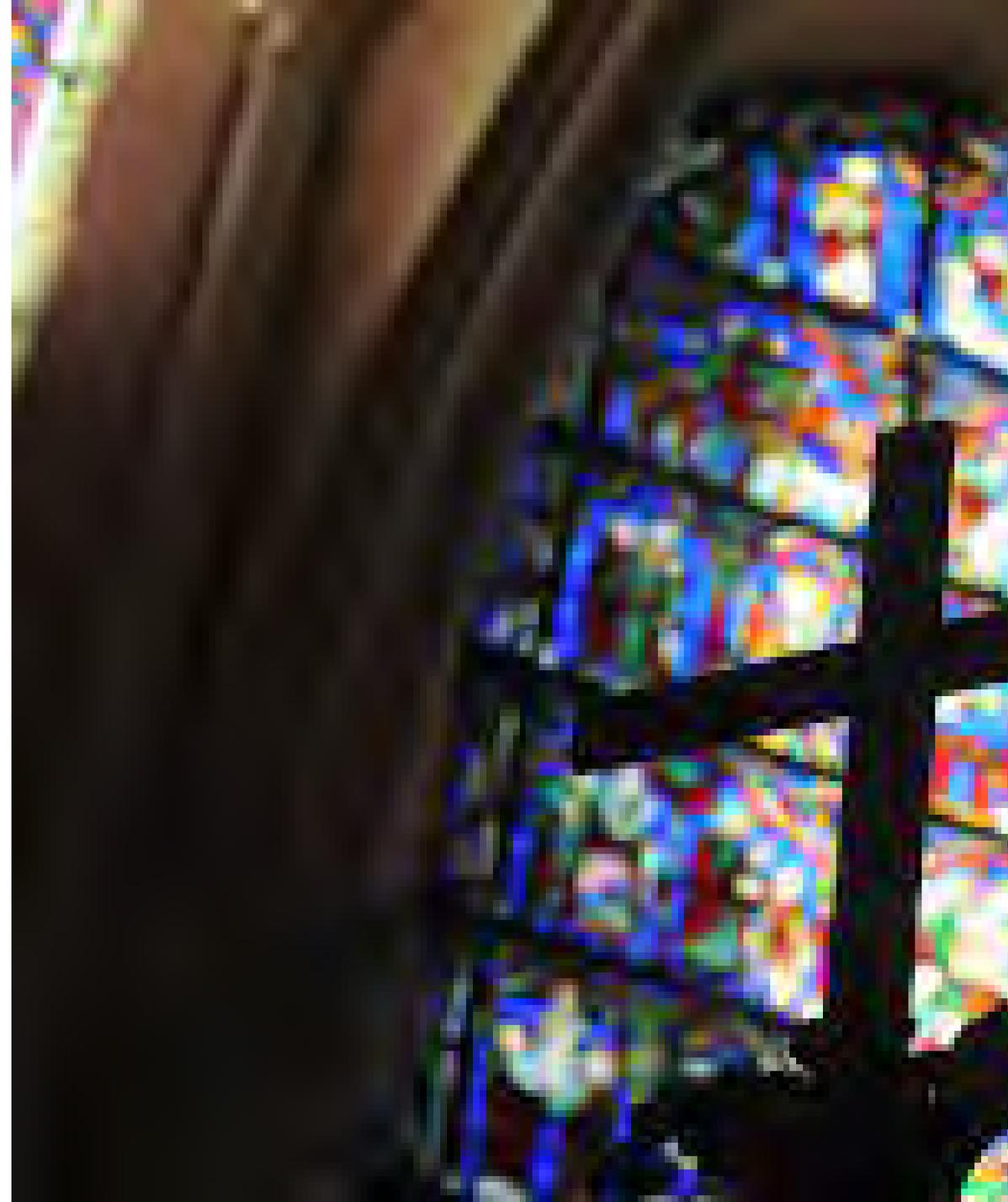
- Isaiah 55:9
- Hab 2:20
- Isaiah 6:3
- Rev 4:6-8
- John 6:68-69
- Rom 3:10
- Rev 15:4
- 1 Pet 1:14-16
- Exodus 34:7
- Heb 10:26-31



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# Jesus is why grace is amazing!

(and we go from death to life)

- Isaiah 53:3-10a
- Phil 2:5-11
- John 3:16
- John 1:16-17
- Luke 7:41-43
- John 1:12
- Rom 8:1
- 1John 1:8-9



# Mephibosheth

*“What does grace look like?”*

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- Covenant promise – 1 Sam 18:1-4, 1 Sam 20:13-17, 23
- To heir is Divine: 2 Sam 4:4
- The calling: “Bring him to me” - 2 Sam 9:1-5
- Death sentence: 2 Sam 9:6-8
- From death to life: 2 Sam 9:9-12 (sword, shield (Eph 6:10-17))
- Dine at the King’s table regularly: 2 Sam 9:13
- We have the same invitation: Rev 3:19-20
- **That’s what’s so amazing about grace!**

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## ▶ **How should we live?**

- Individually
- Corporately
- Practically



# How should we live?

(individually)

- Andrew / Peter - John 1:40-42, Acts 2:14
- Philip and Nathaniel - John 1:43-46
- John the Baptist - John 3:29-30
- Woman at the well – John 4:25-26, 28-30, 39
- Man born blind – John 9:5-9, 24-34
- Levi (Matthew) – Luke 5:27-29, Mark 2:14-15
- Jesus sermon on the mount – Luke 6:35-38
- Demoniac – Luke 8:38-39
- Deaf man – Mark 7:32-36
- Bartimaeus – Luke 18:39-43
- Leper – Mark 1:40-45
- Paralytic – Mark 2:10-12

## What do all these have in common?

- Each personally accepts Jesus offer of forgiveness (“...by grace you are saved, through faith...”)
- Act out of thanksgiving for His grace and tell others about Him

How should we live (corporately)?

**Seek Him constantly...**

- "That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection..." – Phil 2:10-14

# How should we live (corporately)?

## Serve Him faithfully...

- Feeding 5,000 – Matt 14:13-21: *Jesus could have fed 5,000 directly but uses limitations of fish, loaves and Disciples in the miracle. He can use even us!*

# How should we live (corporately)?

## Share Him boldly...

- Great Commission – Matt 28:18-20 “Go make disciples of all nations...”

How should we live (corporately)?

**Do life and worship together...**

- Acts 1:7-8, Heb 10:23-25

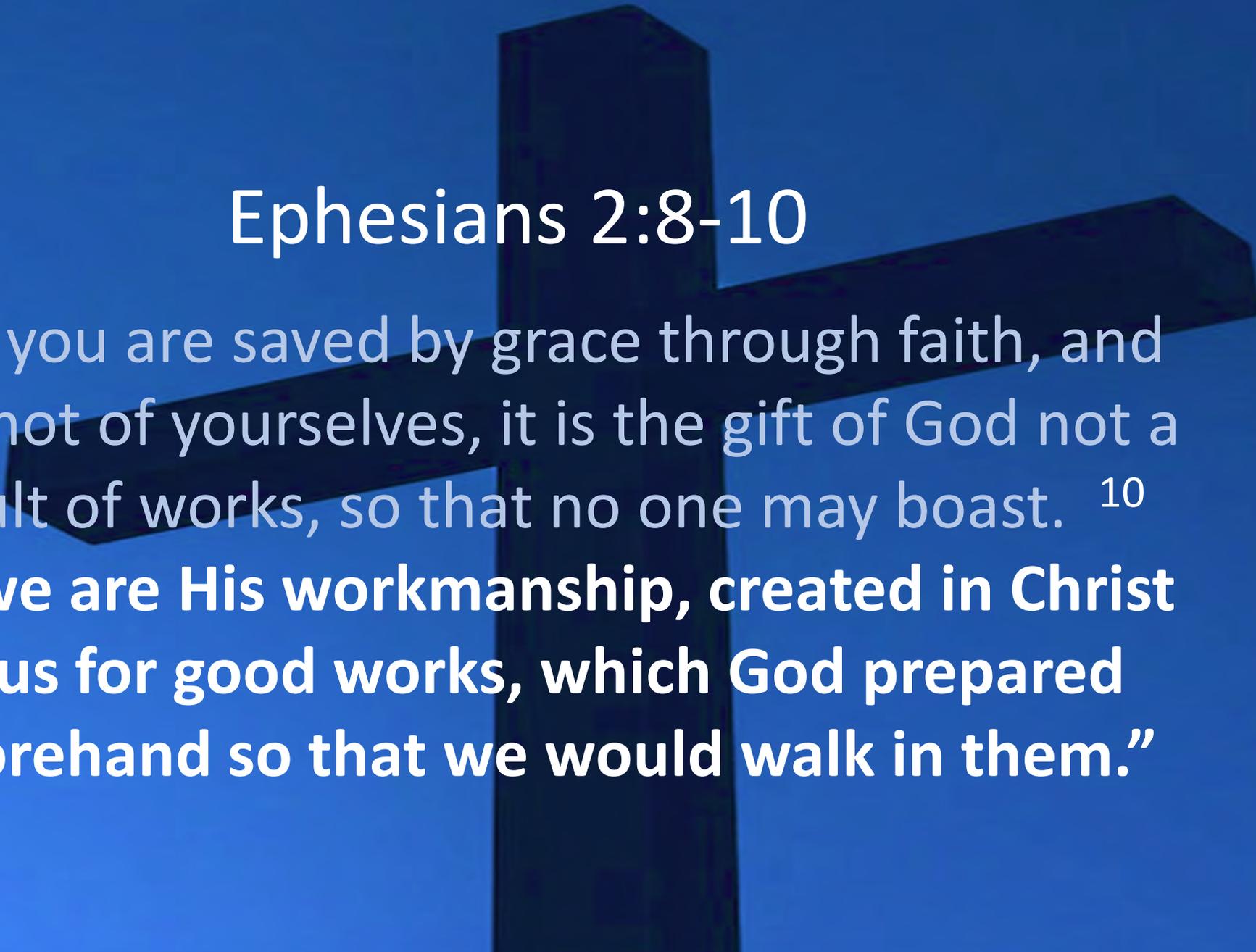
**ENCOURAGE** ONE ANOTHER - Heb 10:23-25

# How should we live (practically)?

**“If God didn’t have  
work for us to do, we’d  
come to Jesus and go  
straight to heaven.”**

- DC Washington, Summer 2016





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“For you are saved by grace through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup>

**For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.”**

# What's so amazing (practically)?



"I have one desire now -  
to live a life of reckless  
abandon for the Lord,  
putting all my energy  
and strength into it."

- Elisabeth Elliot  
"Through Gates of Splendor"

*How should we live?*

# Grace is so amazing! He can use even us...

Across the street and around the world

**4/7**  
(days / week in Bible when you start to feel connected)



MORNING  
**IDENTITY QUEST**  
EVENING  
**MISSION: I.D.**  
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