

Wednesday - March 27

God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things that we did wrong. He did this because of the great love that he has for us. You are saved by God's grace!

Ephesians 2:4-5

On Thanksgiving when asked what I am most thankful for, my answer the past four years is always "God's mercy and grace". Trust me, I have much more on my list but without God's grace none of it would exist. I am not the same person I was five years ago. You probably aren't either but for me it was a total life transformation. I was at a turning point in my life, of selfishly giving away all I cherished or turning to God and asking Him to transform me to be the person He created me to be. I was afraid. I felt beyond repair let alone a total transformation.

It's happening! When I began to believe that God wanted for my life far more than I felt I deserved, I was able to start receiving His undeserved favor. His peace, love, and forgiveness. It is a continual journey to understand and feel in my heart that there is nothing I can do to earn God's favor and nothing I can do to lose God's favor. So, if I receive grace through Christ regardless if I deserve it or not, how can I not extend grace to those around me whether they deserve it or not? That's not always simple or easy but this transformation is growing me towards genuinely wanting in my life what God wants for me. And I believe what He wants most is for me to love Him and to love others. Through God's grace I get a chance to try every day!

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Prayer: Father, thank you for loving me and sending Jesus so that I can have new life! I pray that your transforming grace in my life lead me to extend grace and mercy to all your children. Amen.