



**GREAT GRACE SERIES**

**Part Four: "Don't Frustrate God's Grace"**

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*"I do not FRUSTRATE the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain." Galatians 2:21 (KJV)*

**We need to \_\_\_\_\_ with grace as it leads us  
past our failures into God's \_\_\_\_\_.**

**GRACE, APPROVAL AND GOD'S LOVE**

*"...For I will be merciful when they fail, and I will erase their sins and wicked acts out of My memory as though they never existed."  
Hebrews 8:12 (TVT)*

**Grace removes the \_\_\_\_\_ of our imperfection.**

*"So now there is NO CONDEMNATION for those who belong to Christ Jesus." Romans 8:1 (NLT)*

*"Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? No one—for God himself has given us right standing with himself. Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us..." Romans 8:33-34 (NLT)*

**HOW BELIEVERS FRUSTRATE GOD'S GRACE**

**1. We \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace.**

*"If you try to be made right with God through the law...you have left God's grace." Galatians 5:4 (ERV)*

**LEGALISM** - Man's attempt to be righteous and earn eternal life by keeping the law of Moses.

**God's acceptance is not about what we can do.  
It's about what \_\_\_\_\_ has done.**

*(Continued on reverse)*

**2. We \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace.**

*"How much greater punishment do you think that person deserves who has contempt for the Son of God, and profanes the blood of the covenant that made him holy, and INSULTS the Spirit of grace?" Heb. 10:29 (NET)*

**APOSTASY** - A total and final falling away from faith in Christ.

**Pray for the persecuted church—those who refuse  
to \_\_\_\_\_ their faith in Jesus.**

**3. We \_\_\_\_\_ God's grace.**

*"...Ungodly people have wormed their way into your churches, saying that God's marvelous grace allows us to live immoral lives." Jude 4 (NLT)*

**NEGLECTING HOLINESS** - *"If I'm saved by grace and not by personal righteousness, I can sin to my hearts content."*

*"Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it?" Romans 6:1-2 (NLT)*

*For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age..." Titus 2:11-12 (NKJV)*

**FATHER GOD**, Thank you for the grace of Christ that covers me. For so long, I've allowed my failures to define who I am. I'm sorry for frustrating your grace, and I ask you to lead me past my sins and into your loving arms. Thank you for great grace in this season! In Christ's Name, AMEN

**GATHER AND GROW IN SMALL GROUPS**

**Open Up:** Share a time when you realized God's love amid failure.

**Share Scriptures:** Let different members share a verse from this teaching that impacted them personally. What does it mean for them?

**Talk It Over:** What can we do this week to overcome shame and failure?

**Pray Together:** Pray for each one in the group to discover God's approval.