

# WORD OF GRACE

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Sanctification: A process of growth that allows us to receive all the provision that we were given at justification; set apart for God; free from the power of sin and grace helps us walk in a way that glorifies the King and benefits us.

Sin pays at the end with death, but grace gives at the beginning. We serve out of love because we have already received.

Law demands obedience, but doesn't give you the power to obey. But, grace equips us to walk in God's way which leads to holiness.

Mark 8:33-38

1. Is my identity tied to self achievement and my performance?
2. Only as I worship and serve the Lord will there be a Christ transformation taking place in my life.
3. I desire to fall more and more in love with the Lord and allow that love pursuit to lead me into right behavior.
4. Psalm 42:1,2 | Revelation 3:16, 19, 20

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## Romans 6:19-23 (Msg) | Matthew 12:33

- Decide: Romans 10:9, 10
- Dedicate: Colossians 3:1-4
- Discipline: Philippians 3:7-16 (Msg)

Colossians 3:1-4 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (3) For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. (4) When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## Romans 6:22,23 (NLT)

I have made a decision to be a slave to the Lord's purposes for my life because I desire to stay in His Love.

John 12:24 | John 15:16

Psalms 1:3 (NLT) They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season without fail. Their leaves never wither, and in all they do, they prosper.

Psalms 92:13-15 (NLT) For they are transplanted into the Lord's own house. They flourish in the courts of our God. (14) Even in old age they will still produce fruit; they will remain vital and green. (15) They will declare, "The Lord is just! He is my rock! There is nothing but goodness in him!"

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NLT) Since you excel in so many ways--you have so much faith, such gifted speakers, such knowledge, such enthusiasm, and such love for us--now I want you to excel also in this gracious ministry of giving.

Colossians 1:10 And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God ...

## D12 Group Discussion Questions

1. Discuss Mark 8:33-38 and talk about what it means to take up your cross and follow the Lord.
2. How would you evaluate yourself as you look at Revelation 3:16-20?
3. Where you are on "decide, dedicate, and discipline?"
4. Discuss John 12:24 and tell where you are in the process of dying to yourself.

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