

Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude

Giving Thanks for God's Grace

GALATIANS 1:6–10; 5:1, 13–15



The Heart of the Matter

We give thanks to God for so many things: His provision, His forgiveness, His creation. But bubbling underneath all these wonderful gifts of God is the gentle flow of His grace. Christians since the first century have been tempted to trade grace for a life directed by strict law and high-minded requirement. The apostle Paul addressed the Galatian church on this very issue, warning them against trading God's gospel for a different, human-made gospel. As we hear the word to the Galatians, keeping our message grounded in grace will help our lives exude grace.



Discovering the Way

1. The Precursor to Forgiveness

Solid relationships—with God and with others—are built on a foundation of forgiveness. But before there can be forgiveness, there must be grace.

2. A Case Study on Grace: The Galatian Church (Galatians 1:6–10; 5:1, 13–15)

The Galatians had traded in God's gospel of grace for a gospel of laws and requirements. Paul reminded them that to turn from the gospel of grace is to turn from the God of grace.

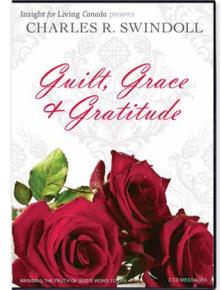


Starting Your Journey

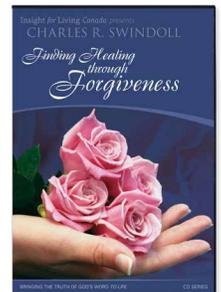
Two principles will help us truly live as people thankful for grace: always remember that grace is ours to enjoy—we're free. And always remember that others are ours to love—we're family.



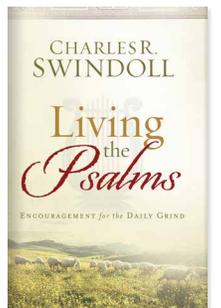
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