

**LIVING IN GRACE - #2**  
**THE POWER OF TRANSFORMING**  
**GRACE**

**Romans 6:1 – 8,11-14**

# 1. FORGIVING GRACE IS OUR “STARTING BLOCK” TO MORE GRACE

- Therefore, having been justified [**declared righteous**] by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have **obtained our introduction** [landing stage, access, approach] by faith into this **grace in which we stand**; ... Rom. 5:1-2 (NASB)

# LIVING IN GRACE THE BASICS

## A. Grace –

- Greek word “*charis*” – God’s unconditional acts of kindness, favor, or pleasure towards humanity. **Unmerited favor, undeserved generosity of God**, toward humankind.

## B. Self-salvation vs God-salvation

## C. Your load?

## 2. TRANSFORMING GRACE IS THE NEXT STEP TO THE POWER OF GOD IN MY LIFE.

### 1. Transforming grace –

- **God's power** given to **overcome sin** as we walk with Him in obedience; Rom 6:4-5

Why would God forgive me of my sin and **not give me His power** to put sin behind me?

### 3. WHY IS GOD'S POWER OF TRANSFORMING GRACE NEEDED?

1. God's purposes include us! John 10:10, 1 John 3:8, Col 2:15
2. “Surface” grace, “cheap” grace, defeated. Rom 6:1 Deck refurbish); 2 Cor 5:17
3. No sin can master a believer obediently trusting God's grace and not self. Rom 6:14

## DIETRICH BONHOEFFER THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline. Communion without confession. **Cheap grace is grace without discipleship**, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ.” p.47

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“Costly grace confronts us as a gracious call to follow Jesus, it comes as a word of forgiveness to the broken spirit and the contrite heart. **It is costly because it compels a man to submit to the yoke of Christ and follow him; it is grace because Jesus says: ‘My yoke is easy and my burden is light.’”**

## 4. TRANSFORMING GRACE REQUIRES MY PARTICIPATION

**A. I must believe** Romans 6:11

- KJV – “reckon”
- NIV – “count”
- NAS, ESV – “consider”

**B. I must hunger.** R. 6:17, Matt 6:5, John 7:38

**C. I must obey.** R. 6:13



# NEXT STEPS

1. Ask the Holy spirit to reveal to you where you are not living in the power of grace.
  - A. Confess this to God.\*
  - B. Agree with God that His power can change you.\*
  - C. Request Him to do just that.\*

\*Adapted from *Finally Free* by Heath Lambert

# NEXT STEPS

2. If you are **not living in the power of God's grace**, find an accountability partner who is willing to **help you believe** in God's power and **help you participate with Christ** to bring you freedom.

- *Read this book: Finally Free* by Heath Lambert