

Chapter 13

Uncommon Grace Meets Forgiveness

Ephesians 1:7

Earlier, we took a quick look at uncommon grace. Now, we want to build on its palatial foundation. The literary world has several stories that depict twins, once removed, encountering each other after a long separation. We play into that theme when we separate grace and forgiveness. They are individual, yet, indivisible facets of one glorious relationship. As we seize their powerful treasures found in God, the opportunity of escape and ultimate victory over our common battles appears more possible and probable during our earthly struggle.

The Twins of Grace and Forgiveness

1. Grace is needed to _____.
2. Forgiveness is needed to show _____.

Just Forget It

1. I'll forgive; it's _____ a big deal. Ephesians 4:32
2. I'll forgive, but I will not _____. Isaiah 38:17; Micah 7:19; Hebrews 8:12; 10:17
3. Forgiveness is remembering the sin is _____. Matthew 6:12

How Much Is Enough?

Want to get on with life? Get unstuck with God's grace--the universe's greatest leverage tool. Grab this life-altering device. It's free, of course—paid by the priceless blood of Christ.

1. I did really _____. Matthew 18:21-22
2. Forgiveness is again and again and _____...
3. God's grace is _____. 2 Corinthians 12:9

Grace Changes Everything

1. _____ for those who sin against you. Luke 6:28
2. Give yourself adequate time to _____. Ecclesiastes 3:4; Matthew 5:44a
3. _____ on with life. Matthew 5:44b
4. Enable _____ to help you trust God. John 11:44

Where Are You

1. Are you a gracious person? Are you also a forgiving person? (If you are not sure, ask someone else.) Write your answer here in a full sentence.

2. Are there people, events, even things in your life, you are having a hard time showing grace to and forgiving? List them below, and pray over them, asking God to help you forgive graciously.

3. Are there recent situations you have observed, maybe personally, politically, or publicly, that could have been dealt with in a more gracious and forgiving way? Ask the Lord to help you observe the world through eyes of faith to combat feelings of hate and personal injustice.