



# You bring nothing to the table. It is all grace

1. The Biblical evidence that we bring nothing to the table and that our salvation and walk with God is all grace.
  - A. Our salvation is by grace, through faith – Ephesians 2:8-10 (1134)
  - B. He saved us because of His mercy, not the righteous things we have done – Titus 3:3-7 (1159)
  - C. Our best is rubbish compared to Christ – Philippians 3:4-9 (1140)
  - D. Our righteousness is as filthy rags – Isaiah 64:6-8 (727)
2. Lessons from the story of the Prodigal Son – Luke 15:11-32 (1013)
  - A. The problem of the younger son with grace
    - 1) The younger son did not believe that he deserved his father's favor – He was right – vs. 19
    - 2) He still believed he needed to earn his father's blessing – vs. 17-18
    - 3) The father's response is all about grace – vs. 20
    - 4) We feel we must do something to contribute to our salvation. We want to deserve salvation.
  - B. The problem of the older son with grace
    - 1) The older son felt entitled to more based on his behavior – vs. 28-30
    - 2) The older son made the mistake of rejecting his father's love because of jealousy and comparison
    - 3) His inheritance and relationship with the father is also all a matter of grace – vs. 31
    - 4) We often believe that, because we have been faithful to God, we are entitled to His blessing in our lives
3. The unpopular Gospel:
  - A. God does not treat us as we deserve – and that is a good thing.
    - 1) God's forgiveness is undeserved – Psalm 103:8-12 (587)
  - B. We can never earn our salvation. It is a gift of God's grace.
    - 1) We have earned death. God gives us life – Romans 6:23 (1095)
  - C. We are not entitled to anything on the basis of our good works
    - 1) God's grace teaches us to live godly and prepare for His coming – Titus 2:11-14 (1159)