

Galatians 2:20-21

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness *come* by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Introduction: The Grace of God can be Frustrated

Grace leads to pardon, then to growth, then to service!

You cannot undo the pardon, but you can interrupt the process of growth and service!

Israel frustrated the Grace of God and thus He allowed Himself to be limited.

Psalm 78:35-42

And they remembered that God *was* their rock, and the high God their redeemer. ³⁶ Nevertheless they did flatter him with their mouth, and they lied unto him with their tongues. ³⁷ For their heart was not right with him, neither were they stedfast in his covenant. ³⁸ But he, *being* full of compassion, forgave *their* iniquity, and destroyed *them* not: yea, many a time turned he his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. ³⁹ For he remembered that they *were* *but* flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again. ⁴⁰ How oft did they provoke him in the wilderness, *and* grieve him in the desert! ⁴¹ Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. ⁴² They remembered not his hand, *nor* the day when he delivered them from the enemy.

We frustrate the Grace of God when we trust our own strength and wisdom. We cannot deprogram our old sin nature.

Some Automatic Blessings when we do not Frustrate the Grace of God:

1. Assurance of Salvation

2. Motivation to Holiness

1 John 3:1-3

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ² Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. ³ And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

3. The Desire for Service

4. Grace Will Make us Gracious

5. Grace Will Give us Fellowship

- a. with God
- b. with others

6. Grace Will Motivate Us to Forgive