

Grace:

*How Good is Your Good News?*



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It's a relationship with God!

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**Tit 3:3** At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another.

**Tit 3:4** But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,

**Tit 3:5** he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,

**Tit 3:6** whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior,

**Tit 3:7** so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.



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**Rom 7:22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

**Rom 7:23** but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members.

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**Heb 10:22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

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**1Jn 2:1** My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

**SO BEFORE YOU GET  
OUT OF BED... SOMETHING  
HAPPENED...**



**AND I LOVE  
YOU SO MUCH.**



A close-up photograph of a dog's face, showing its eyes and snout. The dog has light brown fur with darker patches around its eyes. The background is a warm, out-of-focus brown. A white text box with a black border is overlaid in the center of the image.

**Psa 42:11** Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

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**1Pe 1:13** Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed.



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**Rom 15:1** We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves.



It's not about how fast you can run!



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