



THE GRACE OF GOD

DESPERATELY NEEDED COMPLETELY UNDESERVED ABSOLUTELY FREE

#4: GRACE THAT TRANSFORMS

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Grace is not simply leniency when we have sinned. Grace is the enabling gift of God not to sin. Grace is power, not just pardon.

John Piper

When you talk, do not say harmful things, but say what people need—words that will help others become stronger. Then what you say will do good to those who listen to you.
Ephesians 4:29 (NCV)

I. THE PROBLEM WITH COMPLAINING.

1 Complaining exposes a lack of _____ in God.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

2 Complaining reveals an attitude of _____ (See Numbers 11:1-20).

Don't complain as some of them did. The angel of death destroyed them... These things were written down as a warning for us who are living in the closing days of history.

1 Corinthians 10:10-11 (GODS WORD)

3 Complaining reinforces a negative vision for my _____.

Words kill, words give life; they're either poison or fruit—you choose.

Proverbs 18:21 (The Message)

II. THE ANTIDOTE FOR COMPLAINING—PHILIPPIANS 2:12-30

1 Be _____: I believe God is with me (v.12-13).

Because God is working in me...

- I am more than a conqueror (Romans 8:37)
- I can do all things through Christ who gives me the strength (Philippians 4:13)
- God has removed my sin from me as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12)
- God is my light and protector (Psalm 84:11)
- He will never fail me or abandon me (Deuteronomy 31:8).

Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23:6 (NIV)

2 Be _____: I am a light in a dark world (v.14-16).

3 Be _____: I know the happiness found only in serving others. (v.17-30).

If I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash each other's feet. I did this as an example so that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, a servant is not greater than his master. A messenger is not greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, you will be happy if you do them.

John 13:14-17 (NCV)

Answer Key: trust, ingratitude, life, hopeful, honorable, helpful