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***THE TRUTH ABOUT GRACE!***

Dear Partner,

The apostle Paul wrote,

For it is by free grace (God's unmerited favor) that you are saved (delivered from judgment and made partakers of Christ's salvation) through [your] faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [of your own doing, it came not through your own striving], but it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8 AMPC emphasis mine

This scripture reveals that the GRACE of GOD rules out all human effort. It requires only FAITH in the Savior. Any mixture of human effort violates grace. Grace is what the Prodigal Son experienced from his father after he "came to himself" and decided to return to his father's house after squandering his inheritance "*with riotous living*" (Luke 15:13).

Grace is the foundation of our new birth in Christ and is what enables us to live godly in an often hostile and ungodly world.

But there can also be what one man calls "grace abuse," and this abuse is what compels me to write this month's letter, "**The Truth about Grace.**"

Veronica and I love you and pray for you every day. Thank you for being our Partner. God bless you, and remember, keep walking by faith!

Your Partner and Friend,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. S. Winston', with a large, stylized 'W' and 'S'.

William S. Winston