

Stepping Into...

**The Power of Grace**

# 1. Easter – God’s Eternal Plan

Isaiah 53:2-3; 5-6 NLT

<sup>2</sup>...There was nothing beautiful or majestic about his appearance, nothing to attract us to him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected—a man of sorrows, acquainted with deepest grief. We turned our backs on him and looked the other way. He was despised, and we did not care.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. <sup>6</sup> All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God’s paths to follow our own. Yet the Lord laid on him the sins of us all.

“Grace is the voice that calls us to change and then gives us the power to pull it off.”

*Max Lucado*

## 2. The Resurrection – Statement of Intent

Mark 8:31 NLT

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. **He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead.**

# 3. The Resurrection – Witnessed by Many

1Cor 15:3-8 NLT

<sup>3</sup> I (*Paul*) passed on to you **what was most important** and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, **just as the Scriptures said**. <sup>4</sup> He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, **just as the Scriptures said**.

<sup>5</sup> He was seen by Peter and then by the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> After that, he was seen by more than 500 of his followers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died.

<sup>7</sup> Then he was seen by James and later by all the apostles.

<sup>8</sup> Last of all, as though I had been born at the wrong time, I also saw him.

“Before He gives His grace,  
He takes my shame. Before  
He gives His light, He takes  
my darkness.”

*Steven Furtick*

# 4. Grace – The Power to Save

Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-9 NLT

<sup>4</sup> But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much,<sup>5</sup> that even though **we were dead because of our sins**, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. It is **only by God's grace** that you have been saved!

<sup>8</sup> **God saved you by his grace when you believed.** And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God.

<sup>9</sup> Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

# 5. Grace – The Power to Live

Heb 4:16 NIV <sup>4</sup> Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and **find grace to help us in our time of need**.

2Cor 12:9 NLT <sup>9</sup> Each time he said, "**My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness**." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Rom 5:21 NLT <sup>5</sup> ...just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now **God's wonderful grace rules instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**.



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