

Trophies of God's Grace

God's Grace

God's grace—not our personal goodness—allows us to be accepted by God.
And knowing God's favor *empowers* us to live holy and acceptably in Him



We are receiving a gift from God because of *His* good efforts.
A Trophy of God's Grace is not something you *earn*...
It is something you *are*.

When the fall of man came in the Garden of Eden, all humankind experienced shame. Shame distorts our perception of true intimacy, and causes us to not see the good intentions God has for us.

God says to you – “You are *very good* to Me.”

<See Genesis 1:31>

“Within our human condition is a faulty inner drive which
tempts us to earn God's grace *rather than receive it*.”



"But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship [work of art], created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:4-10 - NKJV

God has accepted you because ,

- Of His rich love toward you (v. 4)
- He has placed you in a higher place (v. 6)
- Of His goodness (v. 8)
- You are His work of art (masterpiece)! (v. 10)

“God does not have a relationship with perfect people...
He is in perfect relationship with imperfect people.”



God says to you: “*I believe in you! You are My work of art! Run the race, because I have already given you permission to run with freedom. I have prepared for you good works in My Son Jesus, He is with you. Let's go on to new heights together!*”