



## QA: Grace Cancels Out All Sin, Right? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

**QUESTION: "Grace cancels out all sin, including my wilful sin, right?"**

**ANSWER: WRONG! God's "grace" does NOT cancel a person's sins NOR will it save on the Day of Judgment.** Here's why:

1. Look at the example of Noah:

But **Noah found grace** in the eyes of the LORD. (**Genesis 6:8**)

**Thus Noah did**; according to all that God commanded him, so he did. (**Genesis 6:22**)

Between those verses, God instructed Noah how to build an ark of salvation. **The "grace of God" provided instructions for salvation, but Noah had to obey those instructions to be saved.**

By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, **prepared an ark for the saving of his household**, by which he condemned the world and became heir of the **righteousness which is according to faith.** (**Hebrews 11:7**)

Noah was saved by "grace through faith" because he obeyed what he was told to do. **"Grace" provided the teaching, "faith" responded with obedience.**

2. John wrote:

For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.** (**John 1:17**)

Paul described it thus:

For **the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us** that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age. (**Titus 2:11- 12**)

"The grace of God" teaches us what to do to be saved. **Jesus Christ was the embodiment of "grace and truth," because He, and His chosen Apostles, taught everything we must do to be saved.** Peter (and the Apostles) commanded:

**"Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38)**

The "grace of God" gave them the "truth" to follow, but it was their "faith" that obeyed, for **"those that gladly received his word were baptized" (Acts 2:41)**. Later, Peter wrote:

I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that **this is the true grace of God in which you stand. (1 Peter 5:12)**

3. Paul taught:

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. **(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

God's "grace" came as "the gift of God," not because of anything they had devised to effect their own salvation. God's "gift" of "grace" had taught them:

"John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." When they heard this, **they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (Acts 19:4-5)**

The Ephesians' "faith" obeyed what God's "grace" taught them to do. ***Since the "grace of God" had obligated them to be "baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus," then baptism for the remission of sins is NOT a "work" condemned in Ephesians 2:9!***

4. Paul wrote that there would be **"the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel" (Romans 2:16)**. God's "grace" has appeared to all men in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. ***The Day of Judgment will NOT provide more "grace" to teach, but will be the Standard of Judgment!*** God's "grace" is given for people to now be saved by obedient faith, but will be the rule to Judge everyone's works then **(2 Corinthians 5:10)**.

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