

Gritty Grace
Pt. 3 Cheaper Isn't Better

Small Group Questions:

1. Did you ever buy something cheap only to regret it later? Share the story.
 2. Were you ever warned or taught that biblical grace is cheap grace? How do you understand the difference now?
 3. How do relationship, authority, and kingdom lead to a fuller understanding of grace?
 4. Read James 2:14-26. Now read Galatians 2:15-16. How does understanding the different contexts help you understand what each author is saying? Vertical vs horizontal relationships.
 5. When you consider the people in your life today, what does love require of you?
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Sermon Notes:

Cheaper isn't always better.

Romans 8:1 *Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,*

QUESTION: If I'm saved by nothing I've done, then why do **ANYTHING** at all?

Why Cheap Grace is cheap

1. Cheap Grace excludes **RELATIONSHIP**.
2. Cheap Grace excludes **AUTHORITY**.
3. Cheap Grace excludes **KINGDOM**.

Cheap grace is **PRODUCED** by a cheap gospel and **PRODUCES** cheap delight.

James 2:14-19 *What good is it, my brothers, if a man claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? 15 Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. 18 But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do. 19 You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder.*

James 2:20-26 *You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless? 21 Was not our ancestor Abraham considered righteous for what he did when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? 22 You see that his faith and his actions were working together, and his faith was made complete by what he did. 23 And the scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness," and he was called God's friend. 24 You see that a person is justified by what he does and not by faith alone. 25 In the same way, was not even Rahab the prostitute considered*

righteous for what she did when she gave lodging to the spies and sent them off in a different direction?
26 *As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.*

Galatians 2:15–16 *“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles **16** know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus **that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law**, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.*

Romans 4:5 *...to the man who does not work but trusts God who **justifies** the wicked, his faith is credited as **righteousness**.*

Two meanings of Justify:

1. To pay off a debt and make right.
2. To demonstrate what is right.

SOLVING THE TENSION: Paul tells us how true salvation is **PRODUCED**. James tells us what true salvation **PRODUCES**.

Gospel Truth: Works don't **EARN** true faith. Works **EVIDENCE** true faith.

BOTTOM LINE: Only when you understand God has given you life for free will you freely give your life **AWAY**.