



Grace All The Way

“Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer each person.”

Colossians 4:6

Why must our speech *always* contain grace? We show people the life and love of God when we speak to them as God has treated us, not how they treat us. Grace is “unmerited favor,” or better stated, “getting something you do not deserve.”

There is nothing easy about speaking in response to someone who hurt you, cannot be relied on, or has been careless with so many other lives you know they will do the same with yours. However, we are *always* the offender when it comes to our relationship with God through Jesus Christ...and He speaks to us in grace each day. It may not be easy or even desirable, but it is godly and we have been commanded to so toward others.

Why must our speech be *full* of grace? The world is black and white in judgment, so grace-filled speech allows people to know they are not what they deserve and they can live from here in hope with Jesus Christ. Your gracious words may be the voice of God someone needs to take a step towards Him...

Grace is what saves every follower of Christ (Ephesians 2:5), what overcomes sin (Romans 5:20), what sustains us in difficulty (2 Corinthians 12:9), what allows us to uphold the Law (Romans 6:14), and perform good works (Ephesians 2:8-10) for God's glory without being enslaved to them. We have more than enough reason to speak with grace!

What Can I Do?

God speaks to us graciously throughout the Bible (Deuteronomy 31:6, Psalm 100:5, Ephesians 2:4-5, Philippians. 4:19). Which verses stick out to you? Why?

Do you know anyone who could use your gracious words? Write down their names and plan on talking with them this week.

My Thoughts