



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | We live from grace, not goodyism.

Goodyism

/'gʊdi,ɪzəm/

noun

Simply being a good person saves you.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. ² You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. ³ All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God’s anger, just like everyone else.

How to live from grace...

Accept you can't earn what you don't have.

Ephesians 2:4-7 (NLT)

⁴ But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, ⁵ 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!) ⁶ For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. ⁷ So God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

How to live from grace...

Accept you can't earn what you don't have.

Move from striving to resting.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NLT)

⁸ God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. ⁹ Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. ¹⁰ For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in

Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

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Move from striving to resting.

Live by faith, not feeling.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

1. What stood out to you most about this week's sermon?
2. Share some of your New Year's resolutions, and how they reflect areas of personal growth or priorities in your life.
3. What comes to mind when you hear the term "Goodyism"? How does the idea of simply being a good person being enough to earn salvation conflict with the message of Ephesians 2:1-3?
4. Why do you think God designed salvation to be a gift instead of something we can earn? How does this truth bring freedom to our daily lives?
5. In what areas of life do you struggle with defining yourself by achievements instead of your identity in Christ? How can you shift that mindset?

6. Which of the three steps for living from grace—accepting you can't earn it, moving from striving to resting, or living by faith—do you find most challenging? Why?

7. As a group, how can we encourage one another to live from grace instead of falling into the trap of Goodyism?