



# REFLECTIONS

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**For the law was given through  
Moses; grace and truth came  
through Jesus Christ.**

*John 1:17*

## It's Called Grace

Moses needed forty days and forty nights alone with God to receive God's law. Then, for thousands of years followers of God's law lived in futile attempt to abide by it. After all, it makes sense that God's affection depends on obedience to the laws He gave to Moses. But as Apostle Paul wrote: *...no one will be declared righteous in God's sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin.* (Romans 3:20, emphasis mine.) It's called grace.

Now I am glad when my children do good things. I am warmed by the love and care they give their children; I am honored by the integrity in their lives; I am touched by their ever-growing love for the Lord. But none of those things have earned my love; and if they stopped doing them, my disappointment will never erase it. It's called grace.

That's how my dad loved me, and that is how God loves us all, only more. To cleans our sins, He set forth sacrifices to make, asks us to love him and one another, and set laws for us to live by. He asks us to pray, to worship, to tithe, to be baptized, to wash, to forgive, to love others. He is glad when we do; but He loves us even when we don't. It's called grace.

Through God we are born *from* love, and we are born *into* love. Nothing more will earn it; and no deed will lose it. He has cleansed us of all our sins with the blood of the Lamb. It's called grace.

We need only to receive it.

*"You are the light of the world,"*

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