

John 8:1-11

At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.

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When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."





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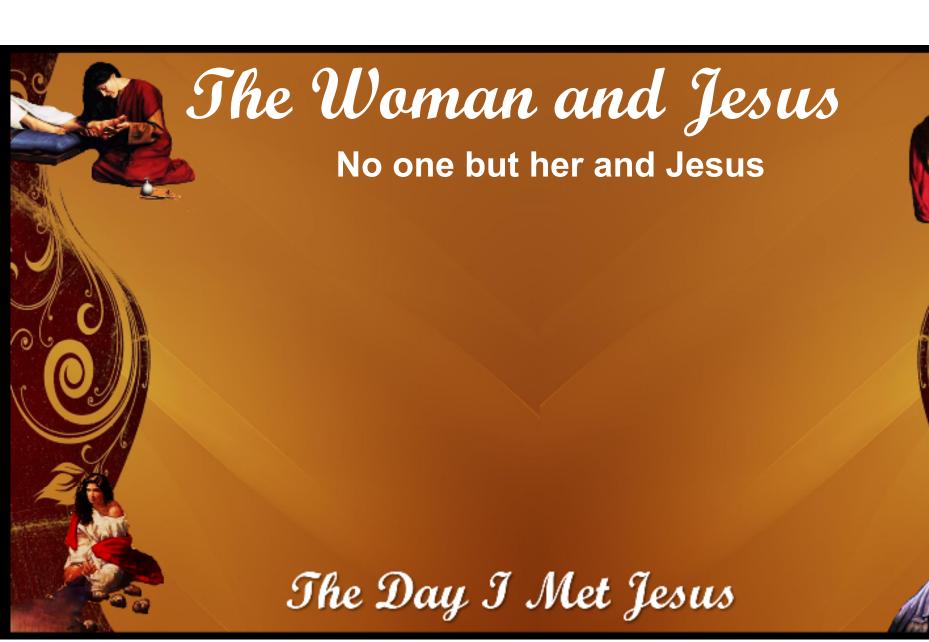
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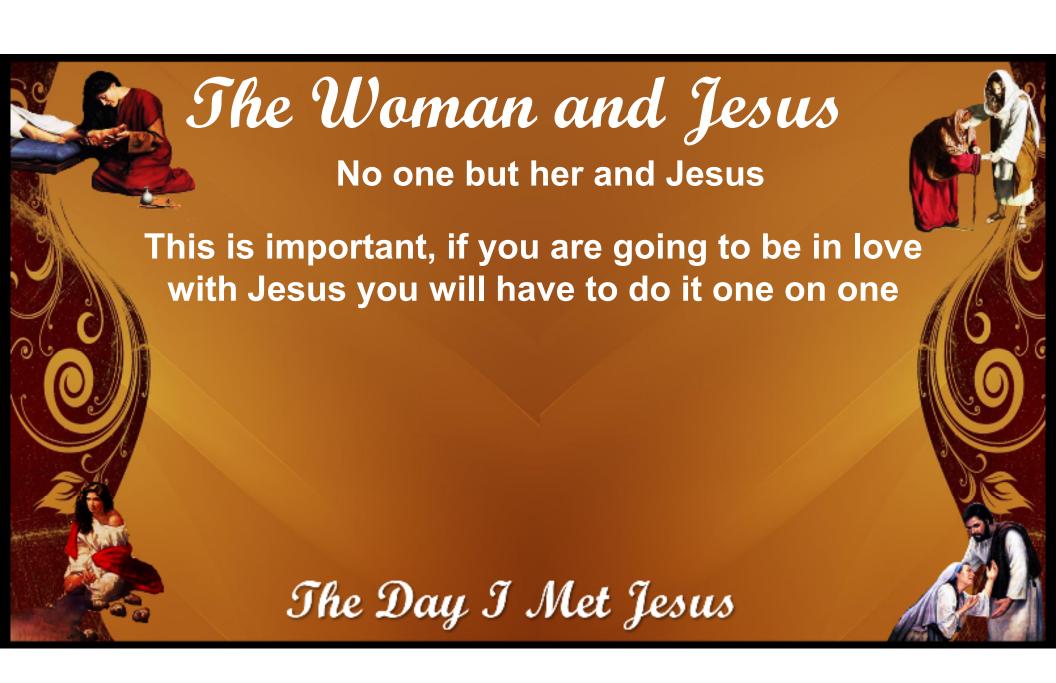


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No one but her and Jesus

This is important, if you are going to be in love with Jesus you will have to do it one on one

Often time we like the busy and the crowd because the busy and the crowd keep us from really dealing with who I am in relation to who He is

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Focus on the key word: Condemned

- Sentenced to a particular punishment, especially death
- Officially declared unfit for use







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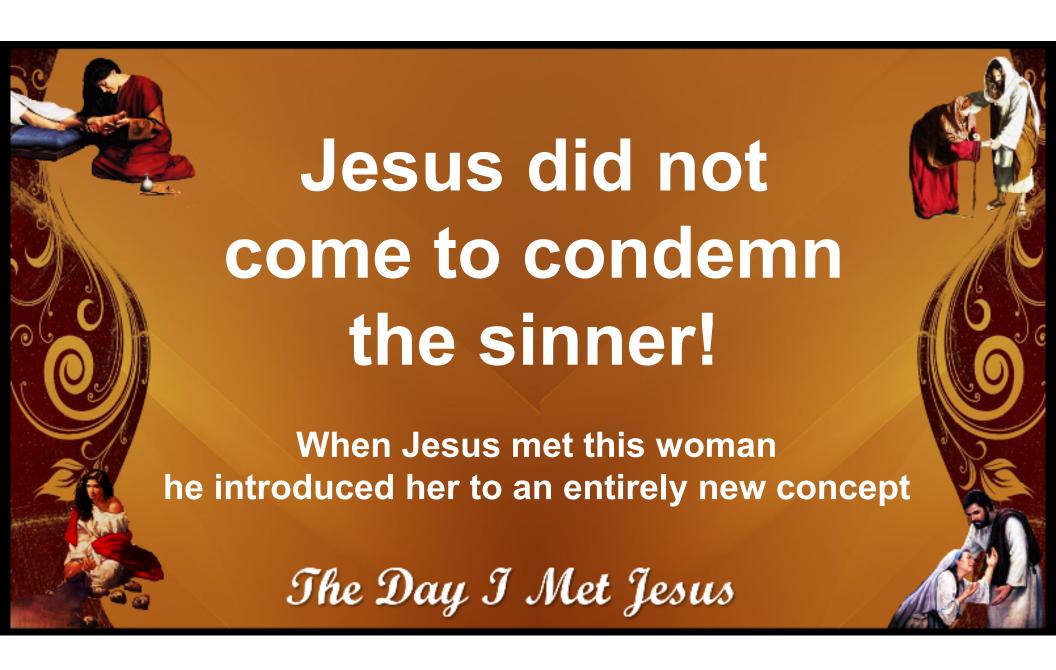
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Jesus





Jesus did not come to condemn the sinner!







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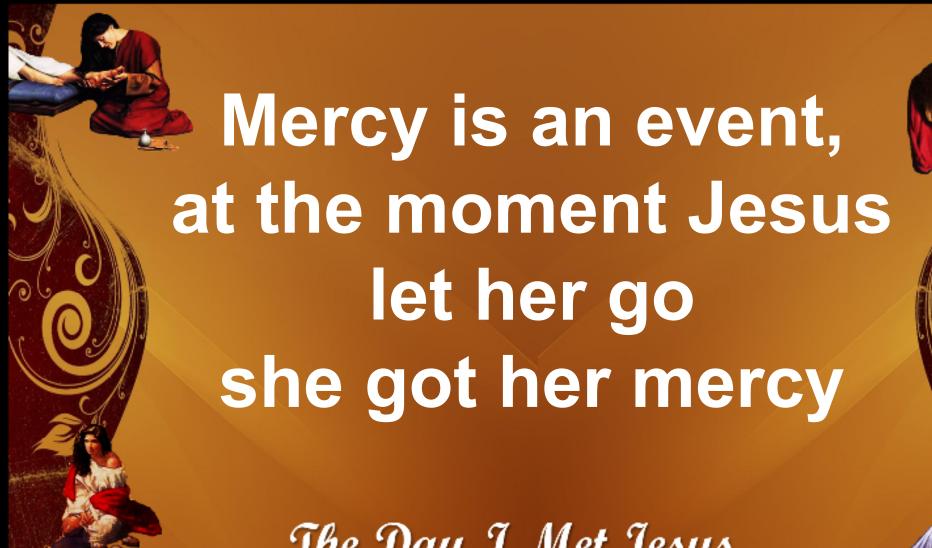
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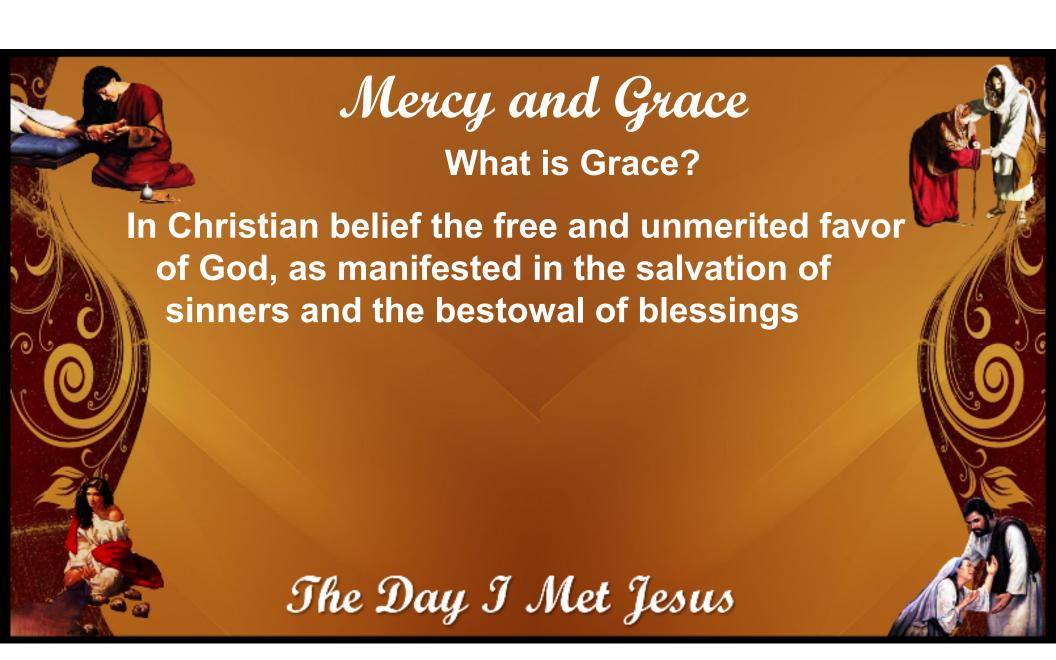


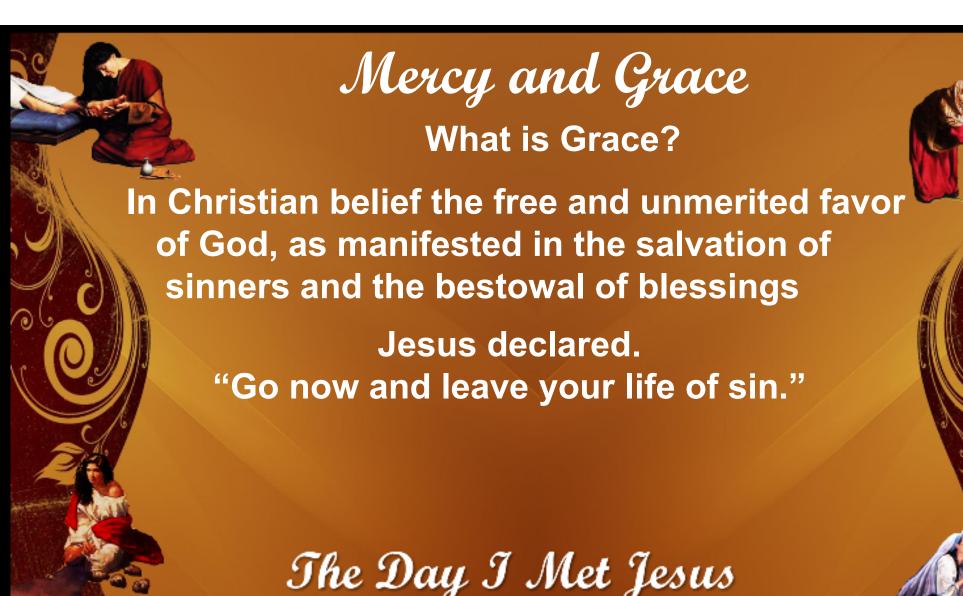


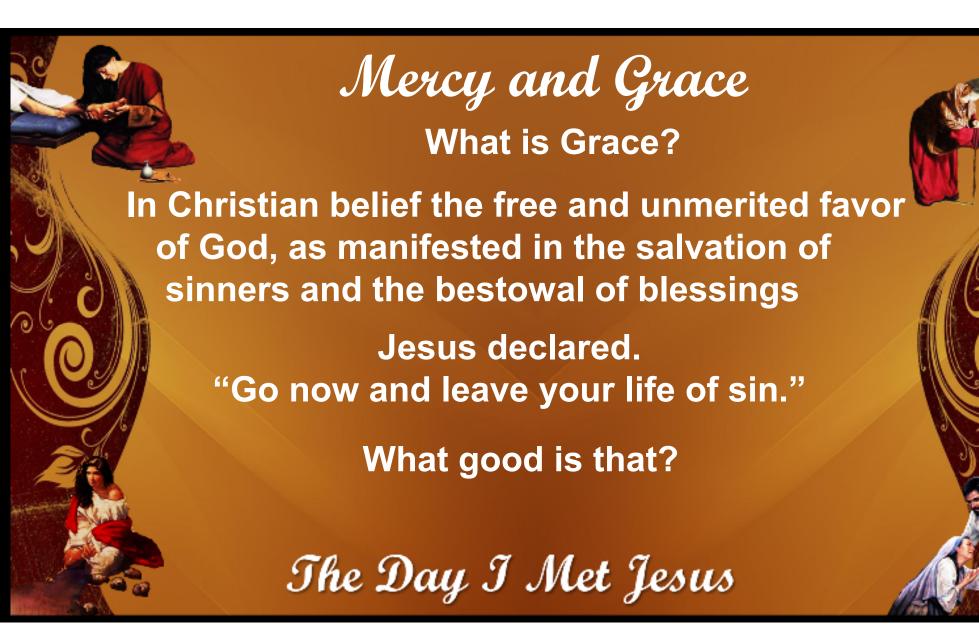


Mercy and Grace What is Grace?











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The longer I've attempted to live my "Christian" life, what I have figured out is I can't live my "Christian" life





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My grace means we now walk together gradually leaving your sinful life in the past



Grace is a process not an event





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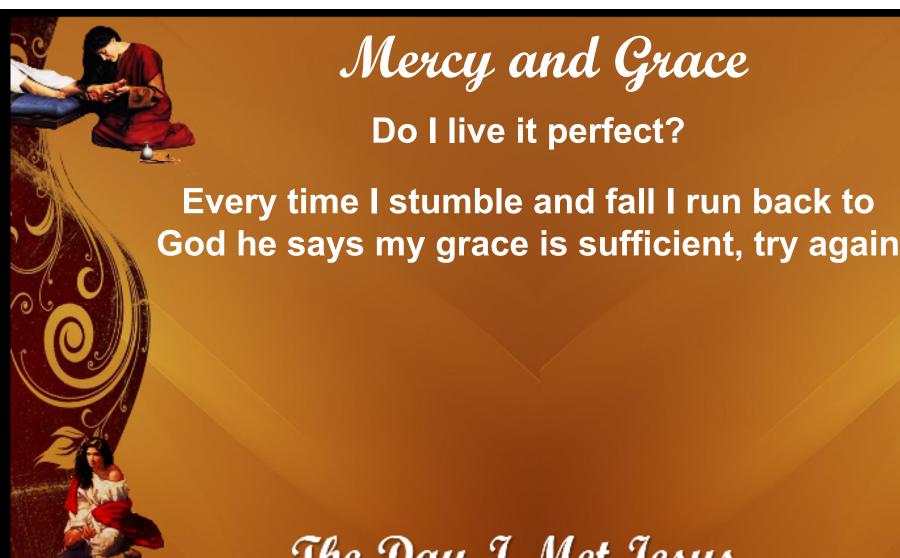
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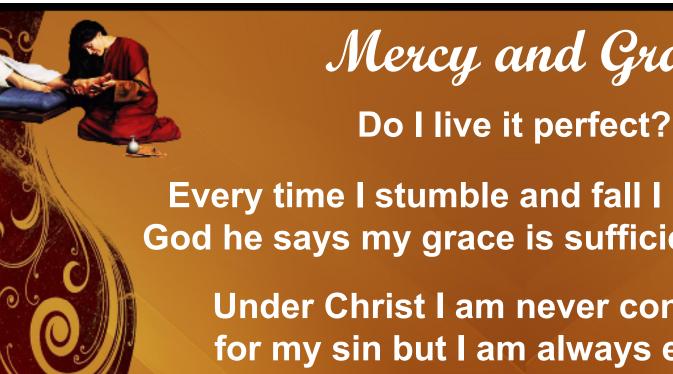




Mercy and Grace Do I live it perfect?







Every time I stumble and fall I run back to God he says my grace is sufficient, try again

Under Christ I am never condemned for my sin but I am always expected to leave it behind and when I fail...

Grace

