

Grace Anatomy

THE BEST KEPT SECRET

Text Luke 15:11-32

You've heard that the gospel means "good news." The reason why its good news is because of g_____.

Which belief (or doctrine) is unique to the Christian faith? Many of the things that Christians believe, other religions believe, too: What is unique about the Christian faith? It's g_____.

C_____ is the only religion that suggests that God's love is offered to us for free, with no strings attached, and that his mercy is available to everyone ... even the most undeserving.

WHAT IS GRACE? Ref: Micah 6:8; Rom.3:23; Rom. 3:10

THE PRODIGAL SON Ref: Luke 15:11-32

The rule is: once you cash in your inheritance, that's it, there is no more.

This is what grace is: God rewrites the s_____ in order to give you another chance. Grace is God making a way to get you off the hook.

But the truth is that I have never met anyone who could truly claim the role of the older brother. I've never met anyone who has remained f_____ and r_____ on their own. That's because this person doesn't exist, according to the Bible. Ref: Isaiah 53:6; Romans 3:12

In fact, sadly, because of the corruption of religion, this is what many former prodigals might say ... because they have forgotten their own history and they now identify more with the older brother.

LESSONS IN GRACE

We are all like the younger son, the prodigal.

Despite your past, you can come home.

The Father is the one waiting for you, not the older brother.

The Father is nothing like the older brother. Ref: Isaiah 43:25

Your relationship with God will always be a relationship of undeserved m_____. It will always be that you have been given more than you could possibly ever give back. You will never be able to balance the scales.