

The Controversy of Grace

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

1. We are Saved by Grace

James 4:6

God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.

2. We Stay by Grace

Galatians 3:1-3

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. 2 I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by believing what you heard? 3 Are you so foolish? After beginning by means of the Spirit, are you now trying to finish by means of the flesh?

3. We Overcome by Grace

Romans 6:1-2, 14-15

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

14 For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace. 15 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!

You can't generate grace by trying to do within your own power what grace produces in you by the power of the Holy Spirit.