

## Is grace really enough?

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weakness = moral frailty

### 2 Cor 12:9 (KJV)

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

### Rom 8: 1

There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit

legally salvation is ours through faith in Christ

### John 1: 12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

BUT we have to pass from the legal to the experimental. HOW?

### James 2: 24, 26

24 You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only. 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead

### Acts 2: 38, 39

38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call."

1. Repent
2. Be baptized
3. Receive the Holy Spirit

Repent; Greek verb. metanoo= change your mind. It is a decision!

Hebrew for repent = shub = to turn back or to turn around. It is an action

Combined meaning:

Repentance is a decision followed by an action

### the prodigal son

#### Luke 15: 11-32

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to *his father*, '*Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.*' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

#### Luke 15: 11-32

15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything*. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 Then I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

#### Luke 15: 11-32

19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

#### Luke 15: 11-32

22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. 25 And "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

**Luke 15: 11-32**

26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fattened calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

**Luke 15: 11-32**

30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.' "

Repentance is making a U-turn

STOP! make U-turn

and begin to travel in the right direction (walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.) Your repentance is not completed until you actually begin to travel in the new direction.

turn away from your sin

**2 Chron 7: 14**

14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

**John 8: 10, 11**

10 When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" 11 She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

next step: be baptized the way Jesus was baptized to fulfill all righteousness

**Matt 3: 15**

15 But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him.

need to be baptized into Christ

**Acts 19: 1- 5**

1 And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples 2 he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit."

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**Acts 19: 1- 5**

3 And he said to them, "Into what then were you baptized?" So they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 Then Paul said, "John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus." 5 When they heard *this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.*

**Col 2: 12-15**

12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,

**Col 2: 12-15**

14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

emphasis of Christian baptism is not death or burial but resurrection

**Col 3: 1-4**

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Last step: is to receive Holy Spirit

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One: Jesus breathed on (into) them  
and they received the Holy breath  
(Life re. Adam)

**John 20: 21-22**

21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, "*Receive the Holy Spirit.*"

**1 John 5:4**

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.

Two: something else is promised

**Acts 1: 4-5**

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

fulfillment of the Promise

**Acts 2: 1-4**

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting.

fulfillment of the Promise

**Acts 2: 1-4**

3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one sat upon each of them*. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Old Testament was a foreshadow of  
things to come. The deliverance of  
Israel from Egypt

**1 Cor 10: 1-2**

1 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

The cloud by day and the pillar of  
fire by night

**Exo 14: 19-20**

19 And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud went from before them and stood behind them.

The cloud by day and the pillar of  
fire by night

**Exo 14: 19-20**

20 So it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. Thus it was a cloud and darkness to the one, and it gave light by night to the other, so that the one did not come near the other all that night.

the helper

**John 14: 16-18**

16 And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—  
17 the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.  
18 I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

our manna is the Word: bread of life

**John 7: 37-39**

37 On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. 38 He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." 39 But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

led by the cloud

**Rom 8: 14**

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**Heb 4: 14-16**

14 Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

what happens when we comply with  
what Peter told those first to hear  
the Word at Pentecost

**Acts 2: 42-47**

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

**Acts 2: 42-47**

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.