

Suggested Christian marriage definition:

Marriage is a totally committed, loving, spiritual, sexual, equal companionship relationship between a man and a woman, creating a secure environment both for the raising of children and for taking their place in society.



Creation



Fall
& rebellion

ORIGINS

Sin

Only 1 law

Adam & Eve failed
Sin & Evil & Death
entered the world

It is not all good anymore

The issue of SIN?

What is SIN?



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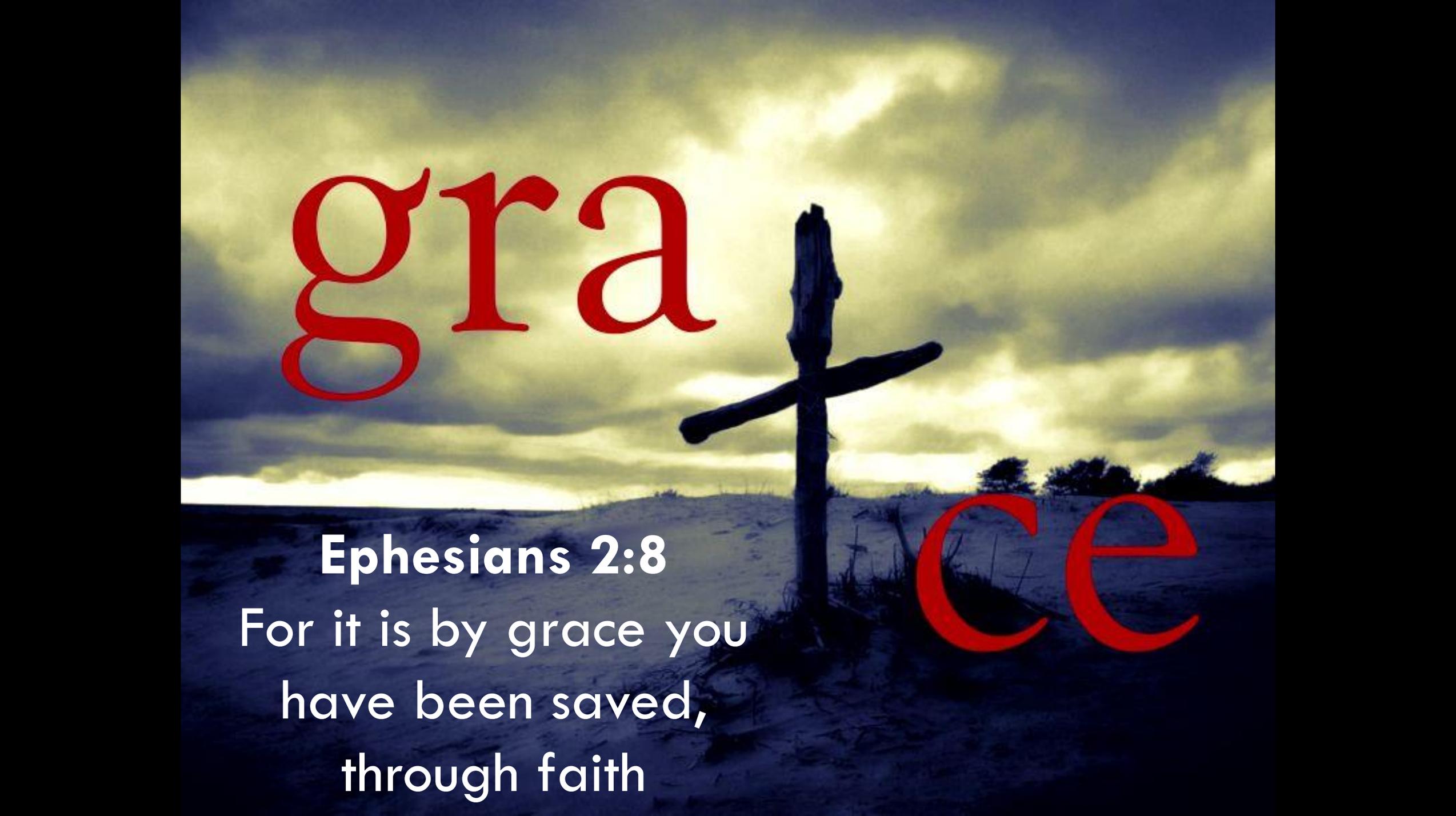
BUY BACK

Jesus dies
Pays Price

Enables
restoration

The issue of
Grace

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A wooden cross stands in a field under a dramatic, cloudy sunset sky. The word 'grace' is written in a large, red, serif font, with 'gra' on the left and 'ce' on the right, separated by the cross.

gra

Ephesians 2:8

For it is by grace you
have been saved,
through faith

ce



**LAW &
GRACE**

Genesis 3:22-24 And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live for ever." **WHY?** 23 So the Lord **God banished** him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. 24 After **he drove the man out**, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.



John 8:11

“Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Romans 5:18-6:12 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. 20 **The law was added so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more,** 21 so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **6 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning, so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?** 3 Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death?

4 We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

5 If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

6 For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin — 7 **because anyone who has died has been**

freed from sin. 8 Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. 9 For we know that since

Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. 10 The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. 11 **In**

the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.



WHAT ABOUT JESUS?

What did Jesus think and say?

Before you speak...

T H I N K !

T - is it true?

h - is it helpful?

i - is it inspiring?

n - is it necessary?

k - is it kind?

What about Jesus views?

Matthew 19:3-8

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Mark 10:4-9

4 They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." 5 "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. 6 **"But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female'. 7 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, 8 and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. 9 Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."**

Conclusions:

Biblical world view

Culture & Culture shock

Origins & Gods definition of marriage

Principles of marriage

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God's intention

