

## Vision and Values – Part 1

Does the Grace of Jesus really change lives?

**Intro:** Slogans and reality?

What does the grace of Jesus mean for us?

It means you are LOVED – Ephesians 2:5 *because of God's LOVE ...*  
Loved Unconditionally – Titus 3

Conditional love is uncertain and unsettling

Jesus's grace doesn't wait for you to meet performance criteria

Loved Undeservedly – Romans 5

God knows you haven't been loyal to him

Jesus graciously & willingly forgives debtors who can't pay

Loved Undeniably – Romans 8

What lengths has God gone to in order to make his love clear?

Jesus's gracious sacrifice is both the measure and the guarantee

How does the grace of Jesus change lives?

It brings life to the spiritual dead (Eph. 2)

It changes what we value – about ourselves

It changes how we value others

It anchors us with assurance and strength in the hardest times

What might stop the grace of Jesus from changing lives?

If we forget Eph. 2, we won't love Jesus much

If we love respect and comfort more than Jesus