

WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE
The Key Word Series #10
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TEXT: Ephesians 2:8-9

CONSIDER THIS: Every wonderful word of life in this series is connected to the most wonderful word-
GRACE.

GRACE: The root word is gift. It means a gift freely given to one without merit or expectation of return.

MERCY: *But God, being rich in **mercy**, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by **grace** you have been saved.* (Ephesians 2:4-5)

1. Mercy is a sense of compassion or sympathy for the misery or suffering of another and leads to action to relieve that suffering
2. Mercy is a withholding from us the punishment our sins deserve

Mercy comes to us by God's grace

REPENTANCE: *And they glorified God, saying "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted **repentance** that leads to life."* (Acts 11:18)

Repentance means to change one's mind in a way that changes one's behavior. How wonderful that God calls us to repent because it opens the door to reconciliation.

Repentance is by God's grace

RECONCILIATION: *... that is, in Christ God was **reconciling** the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them* (II Corinthians 5:19)

Reconciliation means "to reverse an unfavorable relationship between persons." In the New Testament Greek, one person is reconciled to another by the action of one on behalf of the other.

Reconciliation is by God's grace (Romans 5:10-11)

ADOPTION: *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of **adoption** as sons, by whom we cry "Abba! Father!"* (Romans 8:15)

Adoption in Roman law means "to place as a son."

By God's grace our adoption makes us
co-heirs with Christ (Romans 8:16-17)

REDEMPTION: *He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the Kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:13-14)*

Redemption means “release brought about by the payment of a price” Forgiveness means “a sending away in order to be released from.” In redeeming and forgiving us God has sent our sins away.

God's Riches At Christ's Expense (I Peter 1:18-19)

REGENERATION: *He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of **regeneration** and renewal of the Holy Spirit. (Titus 3:5)*

In Greek, regeneration combines the two words *again* and *genesis*, thus it means to be born again. Biblically it refers to the spiritual realm when at the moment of faith in Jesus we pass from being spiritually dead to being spiritually alive. (John 3:3)

God, by His grace, made us alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:4-5)

JUSTIFICATION: *Yet we know that a person is not **justified** by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ (Galatians 2:16)*

Justification is God's verdict by which He declares an unjust sinner to be righteous. This is God's Riches At Christ's Expense (Colossians 2:13-14)

SANCTIFICATION: *... to those **sanctified** in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ... (I Corinthians 1:2)*

Sanctification is the act by which God sets us apart unto Himself thus making us holy. It is a permanent **position**, but it is also a progressive **practice**. (I Peter 1:13-16)

SEALED: *In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were **sealed** with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14)*

Everything about our salvation begins with the grace of God. Our guarantee that we will not lose it is also the grace of God = *And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Philippians 1:6)*

“Dear Lord, may these wonderful words of life inspire and encourage me and may they transform everything about me to the likeness of Your Son. Amen.”