

MYSTERY GRACE

40 Day Prayer Covenant, Part 1

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My 40 Day Prayer Covenant Partner(s)

Dear Father, thank you for your grace that has made me one of your dearly loved children. By your grace make knowing, loving and obeying you my highest priority.

Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith. Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort. Philippians 3:1-3 (NLT)

1. Legalism: Substituting _____
_____ for my relationship to Christ.

Though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more! Philippians 3:4 (NLT)

Examples of Legalism: *Trusting in ...*

- _____
- _____
- _____

I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law.

I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Philippians 3:4-7(NLT)

Just as sin entered the world through one man [Adam], and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned. Romans 5:12

The wisdom we speak of is the mystery of God—his plan that was previously hidden, even though he made it for our ultimate glory before the world began. 1 Corinthians 2:7 (NLT)

2. Grace: The freely given, undeserved _____
_____.

How foolish can you be? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort? Galatians 3:3 (NLT)

3. I am a _____ of God, not a _____.

But when the right time came, God sent his Son... to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.... Now you are no longer a slave but God's own child. And since you are his child, God has made you His heir. Galatians 4:4-7(NLT)

4. God is not just _____ us, but _____ us.

If God is for us, who can be against us. Romans 8:31

I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. Philippians 3:10

For my determined purpose is that I may know Christ -that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding Him more strongly and more-clearly. Philippians 3:10 (AMP)