

# God Deals With Us With His Grace

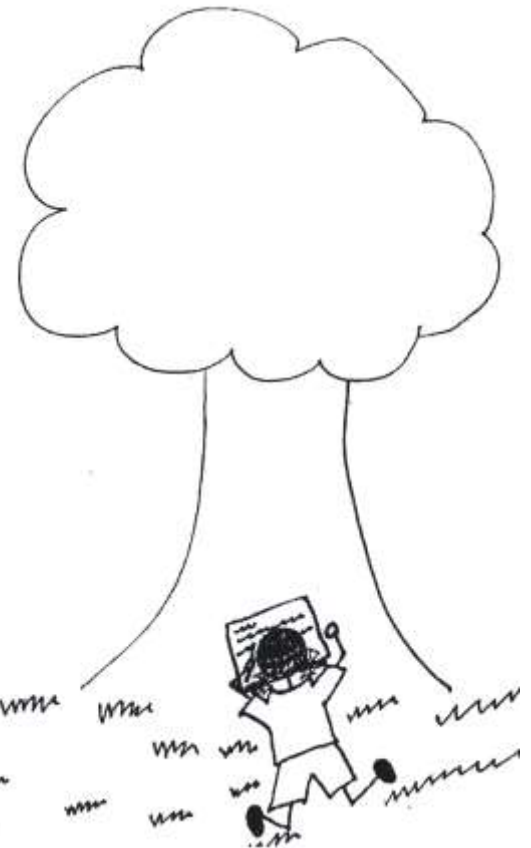
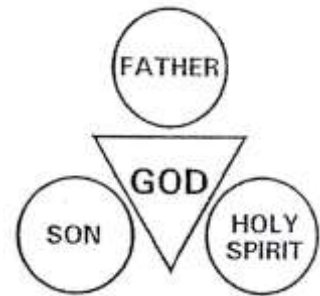
**Grace Orientation and Iconoclastic Arrogance**

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Dear God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You **always** deal with us using Your divine essence\*. You are never inconsistent! You always treat us with Your perfect plan of grace. You've taught us through Your word that grace is all You are free to do for mankind without going against Your divine essence. On the cross Christ satisfied Your holiness, Your justice and righteousness, therefore Your grace can act freely to save and bless mankind. Grace is free, unmerited love, favor, kindness, and mercy from You alone, not from our human works. **God, You are awesome!**

\*Go to [allaboardgodstrain.org](http://allaboardgodstrain.org) and read *Our God Is An Awesome God*.

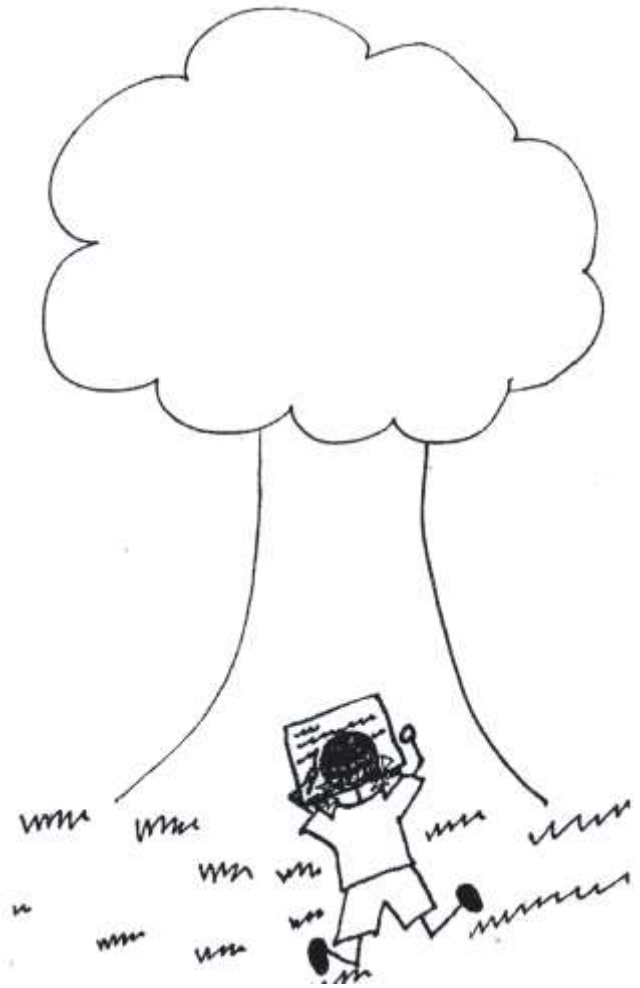


2 Corinthians 4:15 For all things are for your sakes [grace], so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

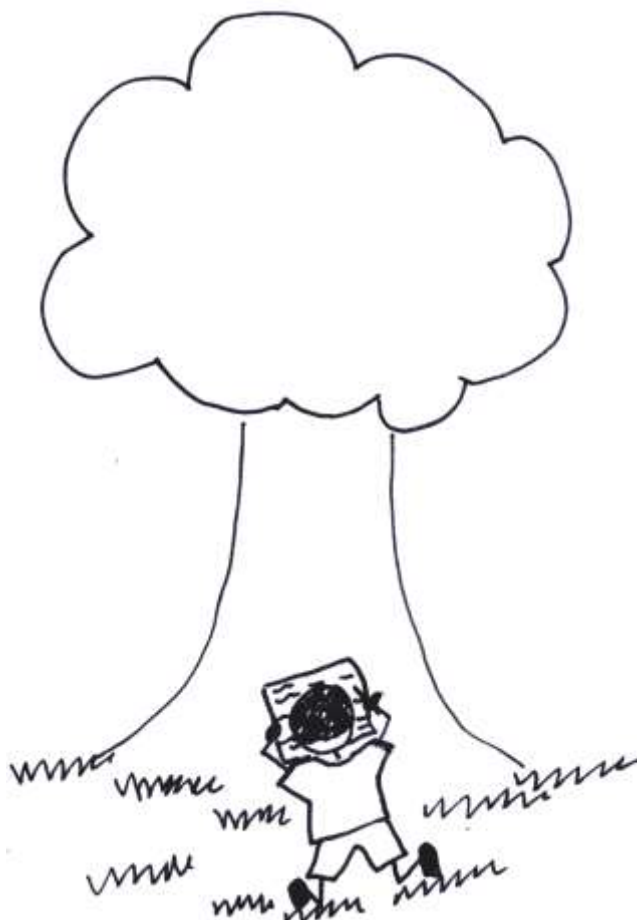
Dear God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

You've taught us that grace orientation is getting to know Your grace policy, or the way You work with us. You supply everything we need to live the spiritual life! We don't earn it nor deserve it. If we are humble, we allow You, God the Holy Spirit, to teach us the word of God through our Pastor-teacher, prep school teacher and parents. Through Bible doctrine, God, we learn about Your grace and all You do for us.

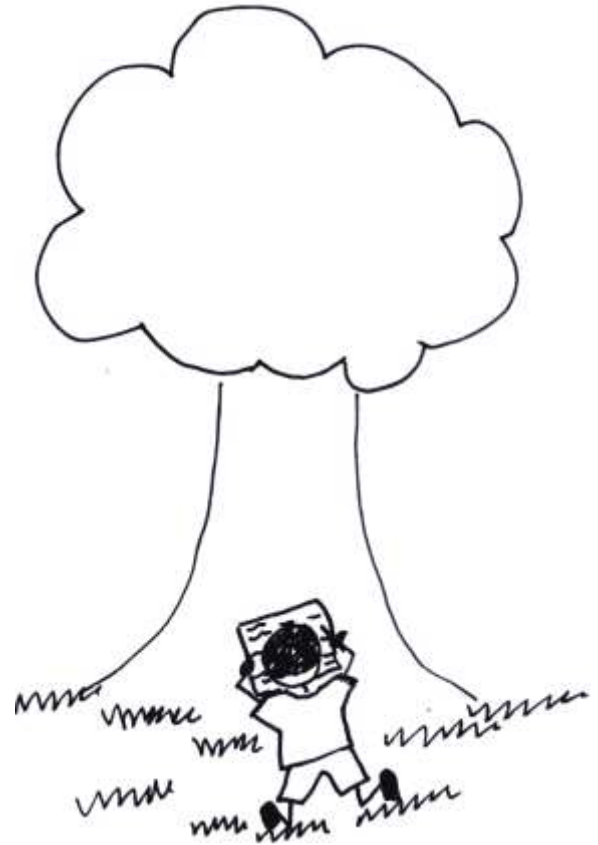
2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man [old sin nature] is decaying, yet our inner man [new nature] is being renewed day by day.



When we believe what we learn about Your grace, we won't judge others. We'll mind our own business! When we use grace orientation, we'll give to others the very grace You give to us! You don't judge others by their outward appearance; You look at their hearts, their minds, and their response to Your grace. We don't know what is in people's hearts. We don't know their motivations. So, how can we judge? We are certainly not to judge them by their outward appearances!

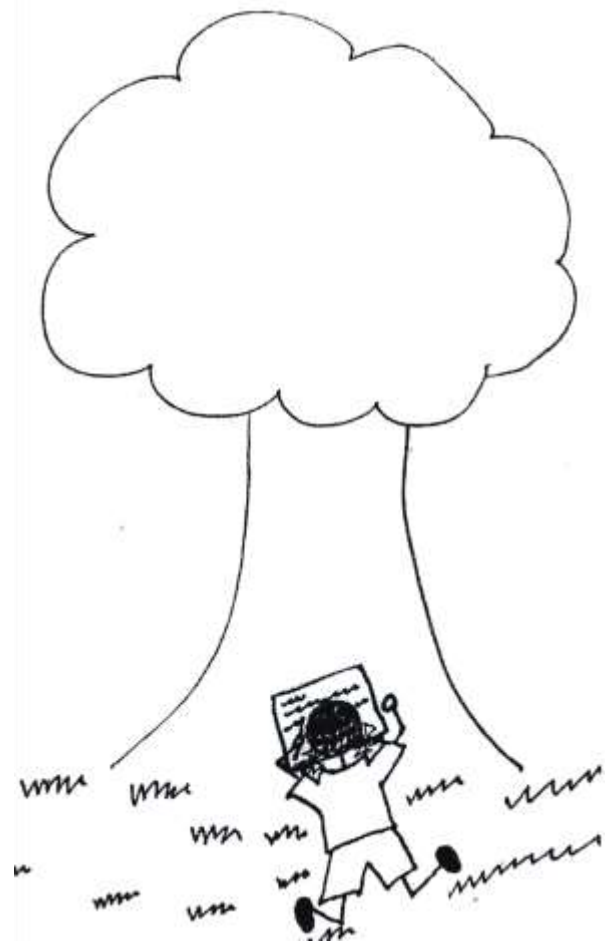


God, You've taught us not to put anyone on a pedestal, or to think of them as perfect. This is iconoclastic arrogance. It's making icons or idols of people. When these people fail, we are surprised or shocked and judge them. However, our friends, family members, and we will **all** fail. We are **all** imperfect. We all have an old sin nature, live in the devil's world and make stupid decisions. We are to let our friends and family members know that we are with them no matter what happens. We want them to be with us no matter what happens. You treat us with grace; we are to treat them and ourselves with grace! With **Your** supernatural power this can be done!



Romans 2:1 Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

We put pressure on others by making idols of them. They know they can't be perfect! We can do this to ourselves also. We think we are suppose to be a certain way so people will accept us. **WRONG!** When the idol falls, he shows his feet of clay; they crumble. When the idol does something wrong, there is a reaction by those who created the idol. The idol doesn't live up to the unrealistic expectations another person has for him. Then iconoclastic arrogance seeks to destroy the image the person has created by judging, etc. Ugly!



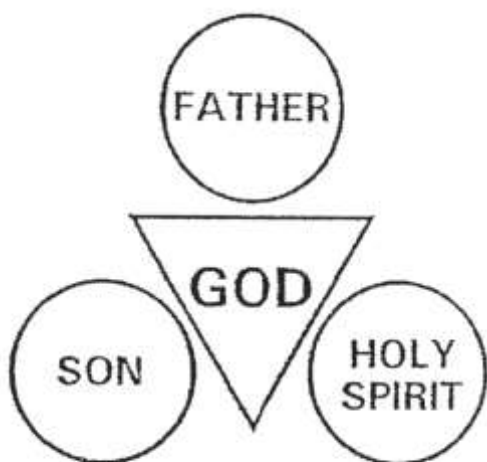
Psalm 118:8-9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

God, You've let us know that those who go forward in Your plan and don't quit are doing Your will. It doesn't matter when we fall; what matters is that we get up and continue on in the spiritual life. And, it doesn't matter what we think of others! It matters what You think of them. You'll have mercy on those who keep using your grace; You'll let those who choose not to use your grace harden their own hearts. If they continue not to use Your grace, You'll still use them to show Your mercy and grace to others.

Colossians 2:6-7 Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord [through faith], so walk in Him, having been firmly rooted and now being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, and overflowing with gratitude.



You've also let us know that when we have iconoclastic arrogance we are not living in reality. We are in fairy-tale land! This happens because we are ignorant of or reject the word of God! So, the solution to living in reality is to learn, believe and use the word of God. Then, through the power of the Holy Spirit we can love others and ourselves **with** our faults. Saying thank You cannot express my gratitude for all You have given us for our spiritual lives! However, You know what is in my heart.



**GOD IS FOR US!**

Isaiah 30:18 Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you, and therefore He waits on high to have compassion [mercy] on you. For the Lord is a God of justice; how blessed [happy] are those who long for Him.

You loving child,

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(Put in your name.)





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