

What Kind of “Grace” Would Produce a Lazy, Amoral Believer?

1. A “grace” looking for excuses, rationalization, justification, and loop-holes for sinful behavior and apathy, rather than holiness.
 - ◆ *The garden, the Great Lie, and the search for significance*
 - ◆ *Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify (“make provision” for – KJV) the desires of the sinful nature (or “the flesh”). (Romans 13:14)*
 - ◆ *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. (Romans 6:22)*
 - ◆ *Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. (Hebrews 12:10)*
 - ◆ *Holiness: Integrity / “One”*
2. A “grace” that is addicted to mediocrity, rather than driven toward excellence.
 - ◆ *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them-- yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. (1Cor. 15:10)*
 - ◆ *So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31)*
 - ◆ *Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the grave, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. (Ecclesiastes 9:10)*
3. A “grace” that has forgotten the jealous, passionate God and His tortured, murdered Christ
 - ◆ *Isaiah 53*
 - ◆ *“Red Flag”: anything besides gratitude and praise*