

FROM GUILT TO GIFT

IS GRACE TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?

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THE QUESTION

If I've failed God, can He still accept me?

THE TENSION

Guilt convinces us God's arms are closed. But the cross proves they're wide open.

THE STORY BENEATH IT ALL

In **Creation**, God's presence was open to humanity.

In the **Fall**, guilt made us hide (Gen. 3:8–10).

In **Redemption**, there is no condemnation in Christ (Rom. 8:1).

In **Restoration**, God will dwell with us forever (Rev. 21:3).

THE COLLISION BETWEEN HIDING AND HOME.

The culture names you for what you do—your wins, your losses, your feed, your failures. Christ names you for who you are in Him—chosen (Eph. 1:4), beloved (Col. 3:12), redeemed (Eph. 1:7), His masterpiece (Eph. 2:10). The world reduces you to labels that fade. Jesus calls you by a name that cannot be erased.

SO WHY DOES IT MATTER TODAY?

Guilt is a prison—you replay mistakes on loop, keep receipts on yourself, and convince yourself God's done with you. But grace breaks the lock. Grace says your failures don't get the final word, and your past doesn't cancel your future. Grace doesn't just let you out—it brings you in, back home to the Father who isn't ashamed to call you His.

STEP OUT OF HIDING. COME HOME TO THE FATHER.