

The Grace Gamble
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The Need for Acceptance

- Adam's Legacy
A performance based life
- Santa Claus view of God

...then comes the Gospel...

"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."
– 2 Corinthians 5:17

"God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God."
– 2 Corinthians 5:21

...and a fork in the road...

- Pleasing God
- Trusting God

...motivations of the heart...

- TRUSTING God

...motivations of the heart...

- PLEASING God

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- Striving to be all God wants me to be
- Self-effort

The Room of Good Intentions

Pleasing God:

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- Working on my sin to achieve an intimate relationship with God
- Striving to be all God wants me to be
- What must I do to keep Him pleased?

More Right Behavior
+ Less Wrong Behavior
Godliness

This is everything **BUT** biblical!

...motivations of the heart...

- TRUSTING God

Trusting God

- Living out who God says I am
- Humility

The Room of Grace

Trusting God: The Room of Grace

- Standing with God
and working on my sin together
- The New Testament Gamble

“And without faith [trust] it is impossible to please God.”

– Hebrews 11:6

- Standing with God
and working on my sin together

God has given us the
DNA of godliness

Trust opens the way
for God to bring us to maturity

Answer this question: *“Does the God who lavishly provides you with His own presence, His Holy Spirit, working things in your lives you could never do for yourselves, does He do these things because of your strenuous moral striving or because you trust Him to do them in you?”*

– Galatians 3:5