

# Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

## What is God's "grace"?

- What does the song below tell us about grace?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- What does the Bible tell us God's grace is?



**Grace – Stuart Townend**

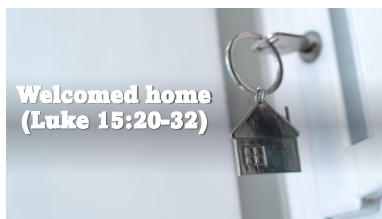
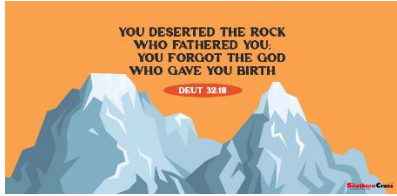
Lord, I'm grateful,  
Amazed at what You've done.  
My finest efforts are filthy rags;  
But I'm made righteous  
By trusting in the Son:  
I have God's riches at Christ's expense.

'Cause it's grace.  
There's nothing I can do  
To make You love me more,  
To make You love me less than You do.  
And by faith  
I'm standing on this Stone  
Of Christ and Christ alone,  
Your righteousness is all that I need,  
'Cause it's grace.

Called and chosen when I was far away,  
You brought me into Your family.  
Free, forgiven, my guilt is washed away,  
Your loving kindness is life to me.

Grace loves the sinner,  
Loves all I am and all I'll ever be;  
Makes me a winner  
Whatever lies the devil throws at me.

Freely given, but bought with priceless  
blood,  
My life was ransomed at Calvary.  
There my Jesus gave everything He could  
That I might live for eternity.



**Think and pray through this week – by yourself or with others**

Can you remember a time when you experienced your earthly Father forgiving you for something (or not)? How might this influence the way we understand the response of God our Heavenly Father towards us?

Why do people walk away from God? Did you ever do this? How did things turn out?

What caused you to return? Are there people you're praying for to turn or return to the Lord? What might 'bring them to their senses' do you think?

What is your experience of God as a Father who forgives and welcomes us home?

Do you still ever feel like you need to earn God's approval? Or have you struggled to feel the affection of God as a loving Father? How might the parable in Luke 15:11-32 help you to draw closer to God?