

“Grace for the Day”

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The Old Testament prophets spoke of a coming “day of the Lord,” when judgment would take place and God would set things right.

Amos 5:20

Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light—pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness?

Jesus assumed the darkness of this “day” so we can know its light.

Luke 23:44-45

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, for the sun stopped shining.

“This is the mystery of the riches of divine grace for sinners; for by a wonderful exchange our sins are now not ours but Christ's, and Christ's righteousness is not Christ's but ours.”

Martin Luther

Followers of Jesus anticipate this coming “day” when we will enter into glory with the Lord.

1 Thessalonians 4:14

For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Grace sets Christianity apart from the thinking of the world. It doesn't make sense.

“Grace defies reason and logic. Love interrupts, if you like, the consequences of your actions, which in my case is very good news indeed, because I've done a lot of stupid stuff...But I'd be in big trouble if karma was going to finally be my judge...It doesn't excuse my mistakes, but I'm holding out for grace. I'm holding out that Jesus took my sins onto the cross, because I know who I am.”

Bono, U2

“God doesn't love us because of our worth. We are of worth because God loves us.”

Martin Luther