

## HANGING BY A THREAD

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### WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT G.R.A.C.E.?

**(G) = AN UNFORSEEN \_\_\_\_\_ FROM GOD.**

*"For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard" (Romans 3:23, NLT).*

*"So where does that put us? . . . Basically, all of us, whether insiders or outsiders, start out in identical conditions, which is to say that we all start out as sinners. Scripture leaves no doubt about it: There's nobody living right, not even one, nobody who knows the score, nobody alert for God. They've all taken the wrong turn; they've all wandered down blind alleys. No one's living right; I can't find a single one . . . And it's clear enough, isn't it, that we're sinners, every one of us, in the same sinking boat with everybody else?" (Romans 3:9-12, 19b, MSG).*

*"Everyone who sins is doomed to eternal damnation in hell . . ." (Romans 6:23, PAR).*

*"Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it" (Ephesians 2:9, NLT).*

*"The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9, NIV).*

*"We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve" (Luke 23:41, NIV).*

**(R) = \_\_\_\_\_ BY \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17, NKJV).*

*"Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see" (Hebrews 11:1, NLT).*

*"Without that faith – that confidence in God's word – you can't please God" (Hebrews 11:6, PAR).*

*"By faith we have been made acceptable to God" (Romans 5:1, CEV).*

*"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith" (Eph. 2:8-9a, NLT).*

*"This is how much God loved the world: He gave His Son, His one and only Son. And this is why: so that no one need be destroyed; by believing in Him, anyone can have a whole and lasting life. Anyone who trusts in Him is acquitted; anyone who refuses to trust Him has long since been under the death sentence without knowing it. And why? Because of that person's failure to believe in the one-of-a-kind Son of God when introduced to Him" (John 3:16, 18, MSG).*

† *"Forgiveness needs to be accepted as well as offered if it is to be complete: and a man who admits no guilt can accept no forgiveness" (C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain, p. 122).*

**(A) = \_\_\_\_\_ TO ANYONE AND EVERYONE.**

*"And whoever calls out for help to Me, God, will be saved" (Acts 2:21, MSG).*

*"Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (Luke 23:42, NIV).*

*Jesus said to him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise" (Luke 23:43, NIV).*

*"If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. <sup>9</sup>On the other hand, if we admit our sins – make a clean breast of them – He won't let us down; He'll be true to Himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing. <sup>10</sup>If we claim that we've never sinned, we out-and-out contradict God – make a liar out of Him. A claim like that only shows off our ignorance of God" (1 John 1:8-10, MSG).*

*"But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom 5:8, NIV).*

*"For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ" (2 Cor. 5:21, NLT).*

*"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one goes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, GWT).*

*"No one else can save us. Indeed, we can be saved only by the power of the One named Jesus and not by any other person" (Acts 4:12, GWT).*

*Jesus said, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they're doing" (Luke 23:34, GWT).*

*Jesus said, "It is finished" (John 19:30, NLT).*

† **In Greek, "it is finished" is one Greek word [τετέλεσται, tetelestai]. The most common use of this in Jesus' day was that it was either hand written or stamped across certificates of debt when that debt had been canceled. It literally means "paid in full."**

*"If you confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised Him from death, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For it is by our faith that we are put right with God; it is by our confession that we are saved" (Romans 10:9-10, TEV).*

(C) = \_\_\_\_\_ **OF LOVE, THANKSGIVING AND OBEDIENCE.**

*"Aren't you the Christ? Save yourself and us!" (Luke 23:39, NIV).*

*"Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? <sup>41</sup>We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom" (Luke 23:42, NIV).*

*"Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of His wonderful grace? . . . You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. <sup>17</sup>Thank God!" (Romans 6:1, 16-17a, NLT).*

*Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15, NIV). See also John 14:21, 24; 15:10.*

(E) = \_\_\_\_\_ **ENTRY.**

*"Today, you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43, NIV).*

*"Nothing impure will ever enter [the city], nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life" (Revelation 21:27, NIV).*

*"If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15, NIV).*

*"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!' " (Matthew 7:21-23, NIV).*

*"If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire" (Revelation 20:15, NIV).*

*"I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13, NIV).*

*"My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish – ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand" (John 10:27-28, HCSB).*

† **October 18 – Joe Car; Next Sermon Series – "Boot Camp" begins on October 25**