

Grace (Bilingual)

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- [0 : 0 0] It's good to be back with you. I'm happy to come back to you again. Now, if I haven't met you, sorry, my name is Matt. If I haven't met you, I'm Matt.
- And I'm here in August. I've talked to you last year. Now, it was actually around the time of the last federal election.
- Now, you might actually remember it. Kevin Rudd was forced out of office.
- Julia Gillard was facing off against Tony Abbott. Now, I remember three major issues.
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- [1 : 0 4] Now, for the first two, it's pretty easy to understand why they were issues. It has to do with our money and our health.
- Because it's about our money and our health. But the third one, though, is just a little bit different. Now, when you have all the facts about the asylum seekers, it's actually quite hard to ignore.
- Now, at that time, all of the news headlines kept telling us how many boats had come in. And last time, I remember it was about 200 boats that had arrived in Australia.
- Now, on the one hand, it's actually a very difficult situation. For every person that arrives, it's said to cost about \$80,000 per year. Now, on the one hand, it's actually a very difficult situation.
- Now, on the one hand, it's actually a very difficult situation. For every person that arrives, it's said to cost about \$80,000 per year. For every person that arrives in Australia, they have to spend \$80,000 per year.
- [2 : 1 3] So last year, that was \$344 million taxpayer dollars. So last year, it was \$34,000,000.
- Yes, that's the one. Now, so hundreds and millions of taxpayer dollars were being spent on illegal immigrants.
- It's also a very difficult situation. It's also a very difficult situation. Now, for those who have paid thousands of dollars just for their visa application, you'd find this very unfair. So that's one side of the story. Now, on the other side of the story, there's a human side.
- The human side is a people's side. They came to Australia with nothing. They came to Australia with nothing. Now, most of them can't speak English. Now, w they left everything behind. The only reason they take such a big risk is because they're so desperate for help.
- To ask people to help us. Now, you can still write the government papers. It's just such a Christmas.
- [3 : 2 0] So this is one. Now, you know, we're in this world. They risk sinking and drowning. They risk being locked up in refugee camps.
- They risk their very lives. And all of that is based on just a slim hope that the Australian people might have some mercy on them.

To be locked up just outside the country, ██████████, ████████████████████, ████████████████████, ████████████████████, ██████████, ██████████, ████████████████████, ██████████, ██████████ Now, see if you can imagine that for yourself, while we're listening to the rest of this passage.

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Now, you remember before meeting Jesus, _____, _____, Paul was a Pharisee.

[illegible]

■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■And you can read that in Acts chapter 8,if you're interested.**■■■■■■■■■,■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■**Now, when Paul actually met Jesus face to face,**■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■**,He understood who Jesus was.

[illegible]

■■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■■■ Now, despite all of that, God forgave him through Jesus. **■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■■■** And so you can see that Paul experienced God's grace and love for himself.

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So if you look at the passage in verse 4, When he talks about God's great love and mercy, And looking at verse 5, Temple

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for it is by grace you have been saved.

not of your own doing, and not the result of works. it is a gift of God, so that no one may boast.

[13 : 47] Now, I'll repeat that again. It's a gift of God, so that no one may boast.

Now, verse 10 talks about God's glory and our good deeds. But notice it doesn't actually say that our good deeds give him glory.

Now, that doesn't mean that we can't glorify God in what we do. But what it does mean is that the way that we glorify God might be different from what we think it is.

See, our being created in Jesus, Living under grace, and giving praises to him because of his goodness to us, And reading on, if we happen to do anything good, we're actually simply doing what God's created us to do.

We're just living the way we're supposed to. But we're living in response to God's love.

[15 : 19] Not because we're trying to make God love us more. Now I think so far that's pretty basic stuff.

It's something that I hope most of you understand now, that God is gracious to us. And that we're dead to sins, and alive to Christ.

And that we know that if we have faith in him, we have a place in heaven. Now if you read the rest of the book, But Paul starts his letter about unity with a message of grace.

Now this is for a very good reason. I would say that if there were any threats to church unity, You can be almost certain.

