

What It Means to Fall from Grace (Part 2)

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Scriptures:

- Galatians 5:4
- John 6:29
- John 9:1-3
- Matthew 8:16
- Mark 6:5, 6
- Romans 5:20
- Mark 5:28, 29
- Hebrews 9:12-14
- Philippians 3:4-9
- Ephesians 2:8-10
- Luke 15:27-31
- Hebrews 12:14, 15
- John 8:10, 11
- Isaiah 55:10, 11
- Genesis 25:28
- Exodus 19:18
- Acts 20:32

Summary:

*Falling from grace isn't actually falling into sin. When we as believers forget to depend on and trust in God and instead depend on ourselves, this indicates that we've fallen back into self-effort to try to justify ourselves before Him. We fall from grace when we don't believe that Jesus has already done everything necessary for our salvation. When we encounter sickness, lack, insufficiency, or anything else, God's grace for healing and provision is stronger. We could never earn God's favor, nor should we try to do so; He wants us to rely on **Him**, not on ourselves. The law can never change a person for the better or get them to stop sinning; only grace can do that. Receiving the gift of no condemnation that Jesus offers us is the only thing that leads us to genuine and permanent transformation.*

Notes:

1. Under grace, we're declared righteous by our faith. Self-effort, not sin, blocks grace. Jesus healed all who believed in Him, even though they were still sinners who hadn't been born again.
2. Without God, our own works amount to nothing; what matters is a relationship with Him. Paul acknowledged that everything he had done before encountering Jesus counted as dead works. He valued a relationship with Christ, and faith in Him, more than his self-efforts.
3. Falling from grace makes us bitter. When we fall from grace, it becomes difficult to follow peace and holiness; bitterness is a sign that we've fallen.
4. We must learn to think like God. We don't have to earn His love—it's unconditional. Mankind's thoughts are sin; God's thoughts are grace. Man's thoughts are of judgment; God's thoughts are of mercy.

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