

## #TargetPractice: What is grace?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG\\_HbnbhCZE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XG_HbnbhCZE)

*being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; (Romans 3:24 NASB)*

*People are made right with God by his grace, which is a free gift. They are made right with God by being made free from sin through Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:24 ICB)*

*Watch video. Stop to discuss.*

*Stop at 1:56*

- What is 'justified'?
  - Shown to be right by someone who has the authority to know
- In the video, the little girl was proven to be right by the owner of the store. She was justified in having the bananas.
- Have you ever had someone defend/justify you in a situation?

*Stop at 3:36 (future with God)*

- What is 'grace'
  - Undeserved favor - given a kindness you didn't earn or deserve
- Have you ever received something you didn't earn?
- How did it make you feel?
- Sometimes the kindness/grace given to us may not feel good but it is for our good to glorify God and help us honor Him.
  - For example, if you started lying a lot to avoid getting into trouble. A friend notices and tells you that if you don't start telling the truth, he will let your mom know what is going on.
  - It wouldn't feel good to have someone say that and definitely wouldn't feel good to get in trouble for it. But, your friend is giving you a kindness by helping you to do the right thing.
- What is the gift we receive from God that we can't earn?
  - Friendship with Him today, tomorrow, and forever in the future when the world has been made right

*Stop at end*

- What is the one thing that can keep us away from the forever friendship with God?
  - Sin - it keeps us separated from God
- To have a relationship with God we have to have our 'labels' changed from wrong to right.
- Can we change our 'label' from wrong to right ourselves?

- No. Just like the girl in the grocery store needed someone with authority to *justify* her, we need someone to *justify* us.
- Who can change our 'label' from wrong to right?
  - Jesus
- How?
  - He took all of our wrong 'labels' (sin) and put it on Himself. When He died on the cross He took the punishment for all our sins. He then put His 'right label' on us!
  - Jesus justified us!!
  - With His grace (giving us what we don't deserve)
  - Through our faith
    - What is faith?
      - Trusting God will do what He said He would do

So again... Jesus justified us!!

- With His grace (giving us what we don't deserve)
- Through our faith

How do we get justified by God?

- **A**ccept we have sinned
- **B**elieve He died for us
- **C**onfess (ask for forgiveness)