

Grace Unraveled
My Life Is a Letter
2 Corinthians 2:12-3:3

We all know people who like to talk about themselves. We are taught that the polite way of starting a conversation and bridging those moments of awkward silence is to ask about the other person. Sometimes though, once that door is opened, for some people it seems never to close, and we find ourselves engaged in a conversation where it just feels like a person is selling themselves and their resume.

1. Grace is with us in our _____
 - A. God gives us opportunities to _____
 - B. The world can _____ those opportunities
2. Grace is with us in our _____
 - A. God leads us in _____ procession
 - B. God uses us to make Him _____
3. Grace is with us in our _____
 - A. Our lives are _____ from Christ to the world
 - B. Our lives are _____ of God's Spirit

We need to trust in the finished work of Christ on the cross. We need to deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Jesus, wherever that may lead us. But even obedience to this command is not a work of merit or an accomplishment that we can brag about. It is a work of grace that is sustained only by the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are letters from Christ to the world. We need to make sure we are conveying the right message.

Reflection

If the world looked at your life today, what would they be hearing from Jesus? Would they see Jesus as the author or would they think that you are the author of your story. Would they see Jesus directing your path or a clearly mapped out career progression that depends solely upon your skills and personality? Would they see someone who lives to glorify Christ and His kingdom or someone who may occasionally speak about Jesus but really wants what the world can provide? Reflect on what changes need to be made (if any) in order to let your life be a letter from Jesus to the people in your spheres of influence.