

Taking Grace for Granted – Self-Control

Friday, June 27th, 2008

READY:

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace."

-Ephesians 1:7

SET:

I know all of us have heard about "the story," right? The story of how we are forgiven for all our sins because Jesus came and died for us.

Last weekend I was in Medford playing soccer. In our last game, I was a little too fired up and used some words I don't want to mention again. And before the game I had specifically said, "Lord, I'm playing for You." After the game was over I realized that I had completely gone back on my word. I'd gotten caught up in the competition.

I think we often take God's grace for granted. Yeah, we KNOW that Jesus died for us and suffered because of us and that now we are forgiven, but how often do we take the time to thank Him for such an awesome gift. I can't even grasp how important that grace is. It's too much of an amazing thing to even understand. He forgives us for our sins! Even though it hurts Him so bad to see us make mistakes and do wrong, He still loves us and forgives us. Personally, He is the reason I live—the reason I get through my day. I think we all need to sit and think about the greatness of His grace and mercy.

After the games that day, I took the time to ask him for forgiveness and to help me change and to truly play for Him. I also thanked Him for His unconditional love and forgiveness, which He gives to all who will ask Him for it.

GO:

1. Are you taking God's amazing grace for granted?
2. Do you abuse that grace by continuing to repeat the same sins and never changing?
3. How can you show God that you truly appreciate His gift of grace and salvation?

WORKOUT:

Romans 6:1-14