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1. We settle into a _____ posture with God

- “God, if you will ... I promise I’ll _____ ...”
- “God if you will ... I promise I’ll _____ ...”
- We _____ our end of the bargain.
- Assumption 1 - God knows you _____
- Assumption 2 - You have something God _____

2. God doesn’t _____

He doesn’t want something _____ you.

He wants something _____ you.

- “For God so loved the world that he gave...”

3. Christianity is different - because there is _____

- _____ is not getting what you deserve
- Grace is getting what you _____ deserve

¹ And you were **dead** in your trespasses and sins, ² in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. ³ Among them we too **all** formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

Ephesians 2:1-3 (NASB)

⁴ But God, being **rich in mercy**, because of **His great love** with which He loved us, **Ephesians 2:4 (NASB)**

because of **His great love** with which He loved me,

⁵ even when we were **dead** in our transgressions, made us **alive** together with Christ (by **grace** you have been **saved**), ⁶ and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places*, in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His **grace** in **kindness** toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by **grace** you have been **saved** through **faith**; and that not of **yourselves**, *it is* the **gift** of God; ⁹ not as a result of **works**, that no one should boast.

Ephesians 2:5-9 (NASB)

4. What _____ will you use to determine where you _____ with God?

- _____ behavior? - What you _____ for you?
- God’s _____? - What God has _____ for you?

... *it is* the **gift** of God; not as a result of **works**

Ephesians 2:8b-9a (NASB)

All the “_____” are responses to what God has “_____”

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Ephesians 2:8-9
- That you God that you have done for me. May my works always be a response to my relationship with you, an outpouring of thanks and praise.
- Ask for forgiveness from God for those times that I forget about his grace and turn our relationship into one of negotiation.
- Admit that I’m tired of trying to earn my way into God’s favor. So, today I surrender my life to him, receiving his grace provided for me by the life of Jesus.