

GOD'S HIGHWAY

The Time for Grace

DID YOU EVER HAVE A RIDE

that just made you feel like you were free from all your worries and problems? Did you ever feel so good that you just wanted to ride on and on forever? I felt that way during a beautiful ride along a Georgia highway a few years ago. Everything was perfect. The temperature was just right, not too hot or too cold. The bike was running along like it would never quit. It sounded like a little kitten purring on my lap. I didn't even want to stop for gas. As if the engine heard my heart, it kept going far past the point where I would usually have to pull into a station. I calculated the mileage in my head and smiled as the ridiculously high numbers came up. How could any ride be better?

Just then an ugly thought arose in the back of my mind. It was accompanied by a churning in my stomach. This gas mileage is better than good. It's impossible! I reached down under the tank to check the fuel switch. It was in the wrong position. I had forgotten to switch it back when I got gas the last time. Rats! My world began to look black and evil on that long, lonely, deserted stretch of Georgia concrete. There wasn't evidence of civilization in sight anywhere along that road. I slowed down to conserve gas and crept along, hoping I might find a farmer who had a gas can in his barn. I finally made it to a little station

where I humbly filled the tank with more gallons than the factory thinks it can hold. It was running on fumes. The reserve tank is meant to give us room for miscalculation. When we begin to feel the sputter of the engine, we switch over and



start looking for our favorite brand of petrol. When I thought about it, I thought of the word "Grace". Grace is the mercy that covers our mistakes. It gives us a measure of comfort and safety. We come to rely on it, knowing that it will be there for us if we need it. However, when I decided to call on Grace that day, I found that I had already used up my allotment for the day. The time for Grace was past. I was on my own.



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How many people live their life without a thought about the eternal consequences of their decisions? A lot. They ride along with the idea that they can simply call on God and ask for Grace when they stand before Him. Isn't "Amazing Grace" one of the most familiar and well-known songs in the world? We've all heard about Grace, sing about it, and count on it. But few of us really understand it. The time for Grace is NOT after you come to the end of your life and want a "Get Out Of Jail Free" card to use with God. Grace isn't for then, it's for now.

The Grace of God has been there for you every day, calling you to give your life to Jesus Christ. Grace has been prompting you to turn from sinful behavior. When your life has sputtered and bucked at times, that was God speaking about the Time For Grace. Grace has kept you alive when you could easily have died. But Grace won't be there when you hit the end of the road. The Time for Grace is now!

Thank God for His mercy and Grace. Call out for the Grace to change now. Discover that Grace is there for the asking, now. His name is Jesus.

