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"The Christian thinks any good he does comes from the Christ-life inside him. He does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us; just as the roof of a greenhouse does not attract the sun because it is bright, but becomes bright because the sun shines on it."

-C.S. Lewis (Mere Christianity)

The truth of the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is that there is nothing you can do to make God love you any more than He already does. Isaiah 64:6 states, "We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment." Our best efforts, without Christ, are nothing more than filthy rags to God. As the quote from C.S. Lewis states, "God will make us good because He loves us." We cannot do it ourselves. No other religion on earth makes a promise like that.

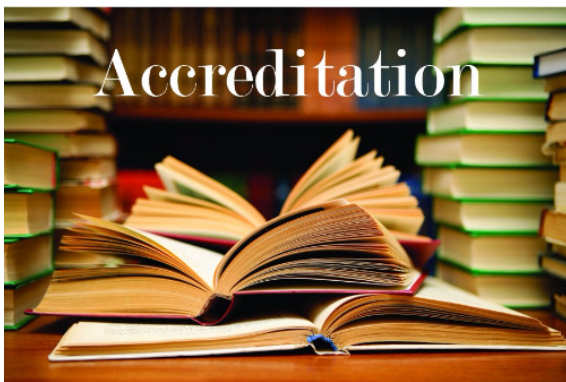
Many know Romans 3:23 which says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of

God" but the sentence doesn't stop there. Romans 3:24 goes on to say, "AND are justified by His grace as a GIFT, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." That is the Good News of Jesus Christ. We all need to be regularly reminded of it.

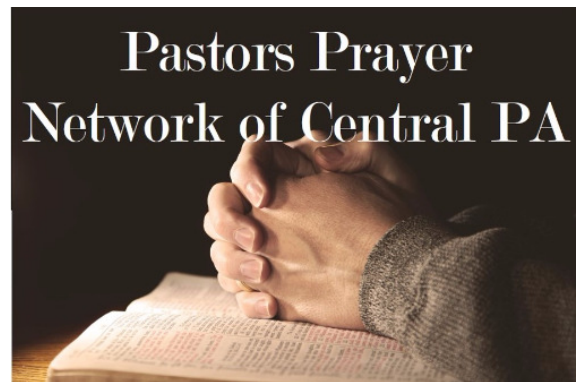
For discussion: Should this view of grace be balanced? Can grace go too far? Is too much grace ever a bad thing? What brings a heart to repentance and change?



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We have begun the conversation of the possibility of partnering with an area theological seminary in order to create a mutually beneficial relationship. Part of that relationship would be the pursuit of having the 10-month Fellows Program be accredited, allowing Fellows who successfully complete the program to obtain seminary-level credit. This is such a wonderful opportunity. Please be in prayer for the leadership team as we explore this further.



We are excited about a new opportunity to serve our area pastors by sponsoring, supporting, and getting off the ground the [Pastors Prayer Network of Central PA](#). A leadership team of pastors will be gathering later this month to brainstorm, pray, and seek God about creating a community of pastors who are in prayer for the lost, our churches, and our region. To learn more or to get involved visit [the website](#).



Would you like the opportunity to partner with the C.S. Lewis Institute of Central PA?

We don't charge fellows to do the Fellows Program, even though it costs the institute approximately \$3,500 per fellow for the intensive 10-month discipleship program.

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