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## SERMON OUTLINE

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### Grace that frees me to enjoy God's love

#### Part 1 – Grace and my freedom in Christ

- I. God's Holiness: Nothing I do can ever make me worthy of God's love.
  - A. JUSTLY CONDEMNED – God is holy and I am sinful. Thus I deserve God's wrath (Romans 1:18-32; 2:1-5; 3:9-12).
  - B. TOTALLY INCAPABLE – None of my efforts to be good make me worthy of God's love or earn me forgiveness (Romans 3:19-20, 23).
  - C. TOTALLY DEPENDENT – But if I put my faith in Christ God declares me righteous based on Christ's payment for my sin (Romans 3:21-25).
  - Action step: I must put my faith in Christ.
  - Result: I am forgiven and have eternal life in heaven (Romans 6:23).
  
- II. God's Grace: Nothing I do can ever make God love me more than he does already.
  - A. AT PEACE – I am at peace with God. He no longer sees me with the eyes of a judge based on my faith in Christ (Romans 5:1).
  - B. IN GRACE – God views me forever as a recipient of His grace (Romans 5:2a).
  - C. LOVED – I am unconditionally and lavishly loved by God internally through the Holy Spirit based on grace (Romans 5:5, 8; Ephesians 3:17-19; 1 John 3:1).
  - Action step: I must constantly remember I am fully loved by God without conditions.
  - Result: I need not live frozen in guilt, but can grow in grace.