

GRACE TO START AGAIN

(Psalm 51 and John 8.1-11)

Grace to start again after what?

- Jenny spoke about grace for the broken hearted – those who are *sad*
- Today we are going to talk about grace for those who are *bad!*
- To err is human, to forgive *divine*

Psalm 51:1-12: paints a powerful picture



The verdict: judgment under the law

How do we see sin?



- Small, medium, large
- In classes
- In sizes
- Big, little
- Bad, not so bad

How does a Holy God see sin?



"All Have sinned"...except One that is!

John 8.1-11

'They put down their stones and left, the older ones first.' The only One who could have thrown a stone, didn't!



Did she get away "scot-free"?



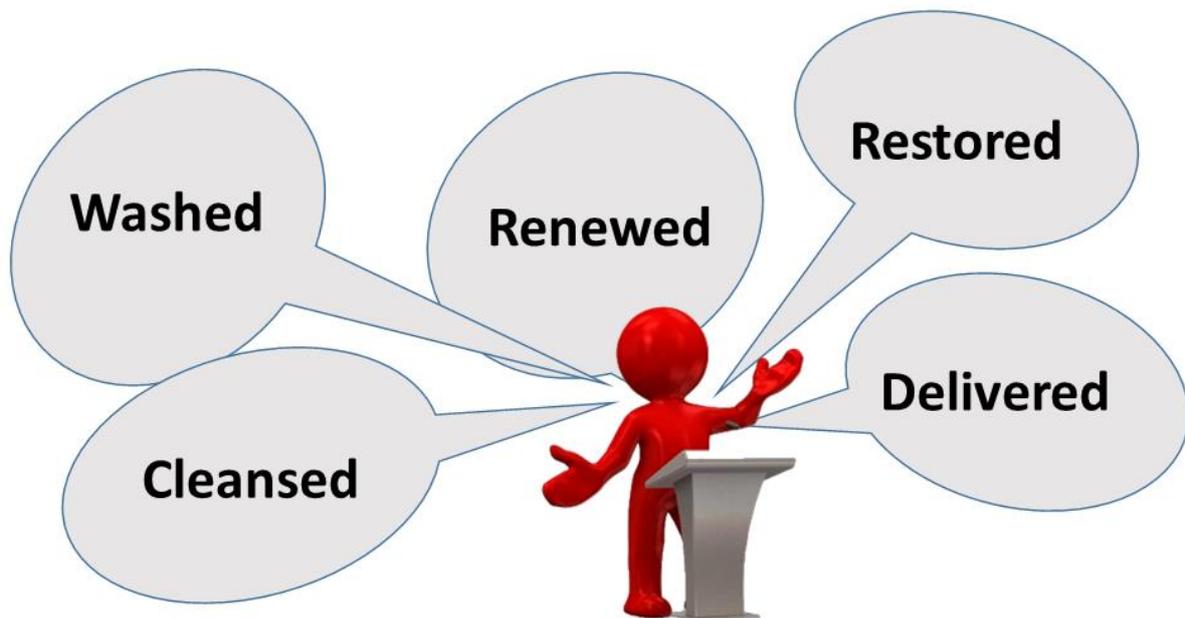
Jesus said, "Go now and sin no more."

Was it a one-off offer?

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! Romans 6:15.

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 1 John 2:1.

What can wash away my sin?



The Verdict: Justified by Grace Alone.

Forgiven and Forgiving

“Forgive us our sins as we forgive them that sin against us...”

In Summary...

- † Under the Law we are condemned - we have all sinned
- † This means that we can't stand in judgement of others
- † Jesus in His grace did not condemn the woman caught in adultery
- † Our response to God's grace is to please Him and avoid sin
- † If we should sin we have an advocate in Christ Jesus
- † We are justified by God's grace alone

- † We can be forgiven by God and we can forgive others
- † Can we forgive ourselves?
- † There is grace for each of us to start again