

# Magnify “Grace vs. Sin”- Scott Nickel

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## Community:

1. Share your most memorable pool/ocean story. What makes that story memorable?
2. What has been the biggest take away from this series so far, and how has it impacted you?

## Core:

1. **Read Matthew 23:25-28.** What do you think Jesus was getting at in this passage? What do you think it means to *clean the inside of your cup*?
2. Do you ever find yourself focusing on your *external cleanliness* and neglecting what’s going on inside your heart? What are the things on the *inside of your cup* that you think need cleaning up?
3. **Read Matthew 5:21-22 and Matthew 5:27-28.** Was Jesus’ focus on the *action* or the *intention* of the heart? How is His teaching on these topics different from what the rest of the world teaches and how can you relate His teaching to your own life?
4. **Read Romans 3:23.** Scott said that, “*God has a standard and it’s perfection, all the time, without exception.*” With that truth in mind, what do you think it looks like to *fall short* of God’s standard? What areas of your life (big or small) have you seen yourself fall short? What do you experience internally when you fall short or think about falling short?
5. **Romans 5:6-8, Romans 5:17 and Romans 6:23.** What is your understanding of grace? What do you think an “*abundance of grace*” looks like? Does anything change, in your heart, when you think about what Jesus did for you o/n the cross...in light of your sin?
6. Scott said, “*God’s grace is not always gentle, but it is always good.*” He compared God’s grace to being like a tidal wave. With that truth in mind, how have you seen God’s grace move in your life? Has it been gentle or more like a tidal wave?
7. Does remembering how God’s grace has moved in your life in the past give you confidence going into the future? How do you think you can magnify God’s grace instead of your brokenness practically going forward?
8. What are some things that keep you from experiencing God’s grace?

## Challenge:

Scott's challenge was pretty straight forward this week...and similar to other challenges we have done for this series. Read **1 Timothy 1:12-17**, then take a piece of paper and divide it down the middle into two columns:

1. Write down all the *"But I"* statements and arguments you have for being beyond God's grace.
2. Write down *"But God"* and what He has done and say thank you.