

Pastor's Weekly Devotional- February 2
"Recipients of God's Grace"

We often wear a mask to cover up who we really are. It's like the man who went to the psychiatrist asking for help from his state of depression. The doctor encouraged him to go to the circus in town because there was a "funny clown" who would make him laugh. The man said that he was that clown.

The prophet Isaiah reminds us : "Look to the Rock from which you were hewn and to the quarry from which you were dug" (51:1). The word "quarry" refers to "a hole." The old KJV puts it succinctly: "the hole of the pit from which you are digged." So don't forget you came from "a hole in the pit." Those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ have "holes" from which they were dug:

- With Moses, it was murder
- With Thomas, it was cynical doubting
- With Peter, it was denial
- Now, what's "your hole?"

So before we get enamored with ourselves and display a spirit of self-importance, stop for a minute, take a backward glance at "the hole of the pit" from which Christ lifted us. Just don't think about it. Admit it. We are simply recipients of the wonderful grace of God. And God's grace is a gift given to us unconditionally because of His amazing love. In fact, "we live and move and have our being" because of God's grace. We are simply the recipients of His Grace. Nothing less. Nothing more.

Have a blessed week.
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