

FULL CIRCLE

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NEAR About Twenty years ago without realizing what I was doing, I took a left when I should of gone right.

During those 20 years I've failed and fallen times beyond count. Growing up I was exposed to good ol' So. Baptist fire and brimstone, so for those 20 years I've been convinced God could not be pleased with me, probably dreaded engaging with me. I've kept waiting for "The AXE to fall". The only thing that's fallen has been GRACE upon GRACE. It has very recently dawned on me it has not been by accident.

I have studied and learned ALL about the Great Doctrine of His unconditional love. I've experienced His UNCONDITIONAL, SOVEREIGN GRACE. Dense as I often am, I just did not realize that's what was going on.

In 1996, after my first Relapse I came upon a book, "What's so AMAZING About GRACE", by Phillip Yancey. That book, its presence, is even part of a testimony I have about His love. I NEVER READ it though.

I picked it up a few days ago in the Chapel Library. It has revealed how horribly defeating my idea of "EARNED GRACE", or as Yancey puts it "UN-grACE" has been. How about you? It's A Gift NOT A WAGE!