

By the Grace of God I am what I am

To the saints at Corinth, Paul wrote, "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am..." (1 cor. 15:9-10). Paul had a deep appreciation for the grace of God. He knew that he owed his salvation and apostleship to God's grace. In like manner, we owe our salvation and place in the kingdom to God's unmerited favor. With Paul, we can declare, "By the grace of God I am what I am."

By the grace of God I am an American. Although America is far from perfect, we enjoy many blessings as citizens. We enjoy freedom of religion, assembly and speech.

By the grace of God I am a husband (Prov. 18:22; Gen. 2:18). Marriage is an undeserved favor of God. In His wisdom and grace, God saw that it was not good for man to be alone and provided a helpmeet for him.

By the grace of God I am a father (Psalm 127:3). Children are an undeserved gift or inheritance from God. What a blessing to have children and see them grow.

By the grace of God I am a preacher (Eph. 3:7-8; Rom. 10:15). Preachers are given the undeserved privilege of declaring the good news of salvation.

By the grace of God I am a Christian (Eph. 2:8; 1:3; 1 Peter 1:10). We are privileged to enjoy what others only saw afar off. How blessed we are!

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