

“SCANDALOUS GRACE” Series

Message #6

“A SCANDALOUS CONFESSION”

***If we turn from ourselves, and confess that God is right,
we receive his grace and live our best life.***

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RETURN ... CONFESS ... RECEIVE ... OFFER

1. CONFESSION #1 – *We Can’t Save Ourselves* (v.3)

***“We will never again say, ‘Our gods’ to what our own hands
have made.”***

- *“In you the fatherless find compassion.”*

*“A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his
holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth
the prisoners with singing.” – Psalm 68:5-6*

ILLUS: “America Can’t Be Moral Without God” – Cheryl
Chumley

2. CONFESSION #2 – *Only God Can Save Us* (v.4-5a)

“I will heal their waywardness and love them freely.”

- *“I will be like the dew to Israel.”*

*“You are my witnesses,” says the Lord, “and my servant whom
I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and
understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor
will there be one after me.” – Isaiah 43:10*

ILLUS: Muslim in Nigeria Moved by Christian’s Kindness

3. CONFESSION #3 – *We Will Rise Again* (v.5b-7)

“He will blossom like a lily.”

- *“You will grow, dwell, flourish, and blossom like the roots,
shoots, splendor, fragrance, shade of the cedars, and vine,
grain and fame of Lebanon.”*

*“The Lord will have compassion on Jacob; once again he will
choose Israel and will settle them in their own land.” – Isaiah
14:1*

ILLUS: “We felt the grace of God.” – Lebanese Priest, Beirut

4. CONFESSION #4 – *Our Fruitfulness Comes from God* (v.8)

“Your fruitfulness comes from me.”

- *“I will answer and care for Israel; for I am like a green
pine tree.”*

*“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear
fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear
fruit unless you remain in me.” – John 15:14*

ILLUS: Bible Cross References

5. CONFESSION #5 – *The Lord Was Right* (v.9)

“The ways of the Lord are right and (we) will walk in them.”

- *“Who is wise? He will realize these things. Who is
discerning? He will understand them.”*

*“I, even I, am the Lord, and apart from me there is no savior. I
have revealed and saved and proclaimed – I, and not some
foreign god among you.” – Isaiah 43:11*

ILLUS: “A Holy Spirit Hunch” – Lebanese Pastor Closes Church