

# MercEmail A Weekly Devotional by Steve Higginbotham

## His Grace Reaches Me

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Christians will sometimes sell the grace of God short. While we intellectually know that grace is "undeserved," we sometimes tend to limit God's grace to the more "deserving sinner." You know, the guy who is trying to do right, but makes "ordinary" mistakes. But you see, that's our problem. There's no such thing as a "deserving sinner."

The guy who walks too close to the "mud hole" and gets a little mud on the sides of his shoes is just as defiled and unfit for heaven as the guy who wallowed in the "mud hole." Yet we sometimes seem to forget this truth. Friends, God's grace isn't for those who have most things under control, but just need a little extra help. Rather his grace is for the helpless, and that includes all men whether they have just a little mud on their shoes or are covered from head to toe.

Maybe we need to be reminded of what we sing,  
"Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not,  
to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
to thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come."

Instead of limiting God's grace, let's lift our voices and give thanks that God's grace reaches even me!

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