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Grace Notes Program
SERIES: INTIMACY with GOD
TITLE: What God expects from us
SONGS: GRACE STEPPED FORTH
GOD'S ROSE

Welcome to 'Grace Notes' brought to you by Sandbek Ministries.
Let's join concert artist and author, Barbara Sandbek as she continues
her series, 'INTIMACY WITH GOD', with 'What God expects from us'.

So far in our series we've discussed the fact that...

- God gives us ways to KNOW HIM.

He shows us...

- . His character through creation**
- . His thoughts through His Word, the Bible**
- . His incredible sacrifice for us through His Son, Jesus,**
and His detailed interest in us as He meets us at our level.

God does all the work. In fact, ALL He does, He does for US!

The most IMPORTANT relationship we can have is with our MAKER.

Intimacy is IMPOSSIBLE when there's a TRANSGRESSION.

Think about it...

Our relationship is STRAINED when we've WRONGED someone or
been WRONGED. You just don't want to be around someone you've
wronged.

We have all WRONGED our CREATOR.

Romans 3:23 says...

For all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.

Nothing we DO can merit God's LOVE.

Romans 5:8 reads...

God commendeth His love toward us in that while we were yet
sinner, Christ died for us.

Romans 9:33 says...

Those who trust in God will never be put to shame.

**Christ suffered all the shame we'll ever have to suffer and much more,
when He took our place on Calvary and paid the ransom for our sin.**

That's GRACE, unmerited favor, God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

Christ is GOD'S GRACE manifested in human form.

***** **WRITERS: Marty & Patti Elmore**

***** GRACE STEPPED FORTH *** LENGTH: 3:46**

VERSE 1:

*The jury was in - the verdict was sure
I held no hope that I'd go free
Condemned for the wrong and guilty of all
Until grace paid the ransom for me.*

CHORUS:

*When grace stepped forth to take my place
Darkness was broken & sin was erased
In the midst of the shame that I had to face
With love God's grace stepped forth in my place.*

VERSE 2:

*Had I received all I deserved
I'd be in shackles today
But the Savior above looked on me with love
And then grace stepped forth in my place*

<<Repeat Chorus>>

TAG:

*In the midst of the shame that I had to face
With love God's grace stepped forth in my place.*

Romans 6:23 says...

The wages of sin is death but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Our SIN is great – but God's LOVE is greater.

Is there any kind of accountability on our part?

He EXTENDS His love to us. It's up to us to ACCEPT IT.

John 3:16 states...

For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We need to come to God on His terms.

Yes, it's a GIFT, but it must be received to be ours – like a Christmas present.

In John 14:6 Jesus said...

I am the way the truth and the life. No man cometh unto the Father but by me.

INTIMACY begins...when we ACCEPT God's love gift...Jesus.

Then we'll SEEK to know Him and find He's REACHABLE...and INTERESTED.

He's IN LOVE with US. NOTHING can change His mind.

God loves us UNCONDITIONALLY.. (every blemish, fat cell, personality quirk).

His love is based on WHO WE ARE in Christ, not what we look like or do.

Romans 8:38 Paul writes...

I am persuaded that neither DEATH nor LIFE nor ANGELS nor PRINCIPALITIES nor POWERS nor THINGS PRESENT nor THINGS to COME

**nor HEIGHT nor DEPTH
nor ANY OTHER CREATURE
shall be able to separate us from the LOVE OF GOD
which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.**

**When we receive the GIFT, we receive not only forgiveness of sin,
but POWER to become the SONS of GOD.**

John 1:12 says...

**But as many as received Him to them gave He the POWER
to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His NAME.**

**We're reconciled to God - accepted by our Creator.
God sees us as RIGHTEOUS, not SINNERS,
because of the shed Blood of Christ.**

We're free from the FEAR of death. He suffered it for us.

When Satan accuses – we can point to the CROSS.

Colossians 2:14 states...

**Our sins are nailed there
where CHRIST WON the VICTORY for US over SIN and Death.**

**We now have a PURPOSE for living –
God has a PERSONALIZE PLAN for our life.**

**God could have chosen any way He wanted to redeem us back
to Himself. But He chose to SUFFER, to WOO us
with His UNDENIABLE love.**

**The love we long for to COMPLETE US can be found
in, and only in, the LORD JESUS CHRIST, God's Rose.**

******* writer: Barbara Sandbek**

***** God's Rose * length: 4:00**

God's 'Rose'
by Barbara Sandbek

***They say love is like a flower
That grows among the weeds.
They say love is like a shower
That waters thirsty leaves.
They say love, it is a longing
To fill an empty need.
I say love is of the Father
He's the One who plants the seed.***

***You've known no love till you've known Jesus
He's the Lover of your soul.
He'll fill the void that's deep within you
Mend the heartache and make you whole.
His love it knows no height or measure.
The width and depth cannot be known.
It brings you joy and greatest pleasure.
When you take JESUS to be your own.***

***The Gift of Jesus, Rose of Sharon
Sent from Heaven up above.
He is the Lily of the valley
Come to earth to show us love.
You could search the whole world over
And you'd never find the One.
To fill the emptiness inside you
You need Jesus Christ, God's Son.***

***O give us power, Holy Father
Your precious love we want to know.
As Jesus plants His love inside us
Our life will blossom like GOD'S ROSE..***

If a friend DIED to SAVE your life, you'd be eternally grateful.

Christ DIED to SAVE YOUR LIFE and give you ETERNAL FORGIVENESS.

God didn't allow His Son to go through what He did so we could go about our business and ignore Him. No! He expects a response...

If you've listened to this message, you've accepted or rejected. There is no middle ground.

Have you received the GIFT of SALVATION? You can TODAY. What's keeping you from it? It's ALL GAIN.

If the Holy Spirit is speaking to you today, just pray this prayer...

God in heaven, I have sinned against you.

I know I can't come to you any other way than through your Son, Jesus.

I believe that He died for me, shed His Blood to cover my sin and rose again to save me.

I ask Him to come into my life and be my Savior and Lord. AMEN.

If you prayed this prayer, write and tell us. We'll send you some information to help you in your walk with the Lord.

For more information on this ministry just write to Sandbek Ministries at P.O. Box 581 Fallston, MD 21047 or contact us through our website www.gracenotesradio.com.

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Join us again next time where we'll continue our discussion on 'INTIMACY with GOD'.