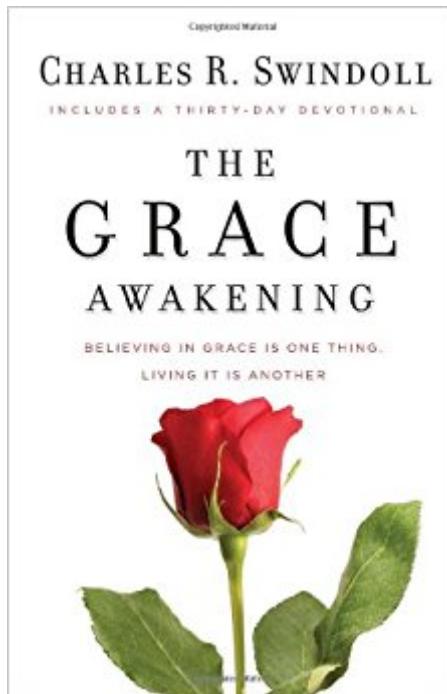


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# The Grace Awakening: Believing In Grace Is One Thing. Living It Is Another.



## Synopsis

Have we forgotten the meaning of grace? Preachers preach it. Teachers teach it. Theologians analyze it. Then we forget about it. Here, in a twentieth-anniversary edition, is *The Grace Awakening*, Charles Swindoll's best-selling classic that has awakened hundreds of thousands of readers to the untapped wonders of grace. Wonders that Christians know with their minds but forget with their hearts. Wonders that can make a difference in the way we live, in the way we approach life. Wonders that can make the difference between ho-hum religion and an intimate relationship with a God who wishes us nothing short of joy. Included in this anniversary edition is *The Grace Awakening Devotional*, a month-long spiritual journey to help you explore the newfound freedom of God's grace in your life. As you continue to experience the wonder of God's inexhaustible grace, you'll be awakened in new ways to everything God wants to do in your life.

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Bestselling author Charles R. Swindoll has updated his classic title *THE GRACE AWAKENING* for a new generation of readers waking up to the truth that God is good and grace is the message of the gospel. As he writes, "Having tasted the sweet delights of liberty in Christ, more and more in the Christian family are satisfied with nothing less." Renowned as a Christian communicator, Swindoll serves as senior pastor of Stonebriar Community Church, chancellor of Dallas Theological Seminary and host of the internationally syndicated radio program "Insight for Living." A prolific and award-winning author, he has written more than 30 bestselling books and received 11 Gold Medallion Awards, with this book qualifying as one of his best ever. Exhibiting candor and conviction,

Swindoll contrasts liberty with legalism and warns readers to be wary of the three tools of legalism, or grace-killers, as he calls them: doctrinal heresy, ecclesiastical harassment and personal hypocrisy. As he explains it, legalists disturb and distort by twisting truth, spying and enslaving, and lying and deceiving others. In the chapter titled "The Grace to Let Others Be," Swindoll compares the two different dimensions of grace. "Vertical grace centers on our relationship to God. It is amazing. It frees us from the demands and condemnation of the Mosaic Law," he writes. "Horizontal grace centers on our human relationships. It is charming. It frees us from the tyranny of pleasing people and adjusting our lives to the demands and expectations of human opinion." To encourage readers as they awaken to grace, Swindoll reminds them that at least three things are involved in the process: it takes time, it requires pain and it means change.

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