



THE SCANDAL OF GRACE

9 God has already saved us and called us to this holy calling—not because of any good works we may have done, but because of His own intention and because eons and eons ago (before time itself existed), He gave us this grace in Jesus the Anointed, the Liberating King.

2 TIMOTHY 1:9 (THE VOICE)

**BLESSED ARE THE
UNSCANDALIZED**

18 John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, 19 he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?" 20 When the men came to Jesus, they said, "John the Baptist sent us to you to ask, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'" 21 At that very time Jesus cured many who had diseases,

LUKE 7:18-23

sicknesses and evil spirits, and gave sight to many who were blind. 22 So he replied to the messengers, “Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The **blind receive sight**, the **lame walk**, those who have **leprosy are cleansed**, the **deaf hear**, the **dead are raised**, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. 23 **Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.**” (not offended - NKJV)(who does not take offense - NASB)

LUKE 7:18-23

Σκανδαλισμομα - *skan-dal-id'-zo* - to trip up or to trap, to put a stumbling block or impediment in the way, upon which another may trip and fall, metaphor. to offend, to cause one to judge unfavorably or unjustly of another, to see in another what I disapprove of

SCANDAL 1

No-one is superior

You have made them equal to us

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. 2 He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.3 “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. 4 He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ 5 So they went.”He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

MATTHEW 20:1-16

6 About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'7 "Because no one has hired us,' they answered."He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'8 "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'9 "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon

MATTHEW 20:1-16

came and each received a denarius. 10 So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. 11 When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 12 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' 13 "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'

MATTHEW 20:1-16

14 Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. 15 Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'16 "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

MATTHEW 20:1-16

SCANDAL 2

No-one is beyond restoration

18 On the seventh day the child died. David's attendants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they thought, "While the child was still living, he wouldn't listen to us when we spoke to him. How can we now tell him the child is dead? He may do something desperate." 19 David noticed that his attendants were whispering among themselves, and he realized the child was dead. "Is the child dead?" he asked. "Yes," they replied, "he is dead."

2 SAMUEL 12:1-9

20 Then David got up from the ground. After he had washed, put on lotions and changed his clothes, he went into the house of the Lord and worshiped. Then he went to his own house, and at his request they served him food, and he ate.

2 SAMUEL 12:1-9

24 Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and he went to her and made love to her. She gave birth to a son, and they named him Solomon. The Lord loved him; 25 and because the Lord loved him, he sent word through Nathan the prophet to name him Jedidiah. (Loved by the Lord)

2 SAMUEL 12:1-9

and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon,
whose mother had been Uriah's wife,

MATTHEW 1:6

SCANDAL 3

No-one is righteous

13 Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. 14 As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. 15 While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him.

MARK 2:13-17

16 When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 17 On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

MARK 2:13-17

As it is written: “**There is no one righteous**, not even one;

ROMANS 3:10



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