

But God.....

Ephesians 2:1-10

Introduction:

- * Grace Walk Principle #7: God may be totally different from how you have imagined Him to be.
- * Distorted views of God
 1. God as Divine Employer
 2. God as Harsh Judge
 3. God as Distant Deity
- * Reasons for our distorted view of God
 1. Past Issues
 2. Perceptual Inaccuracies
 3. Personal Inclinations

- I. My Guilt _____ (v. 1-3)
 - A. I was _____ (v. 1)
Many people are dead and don't know it.
 - B. I was _____ (v. 2)
Man's disobedience is encouraged by the pull of the world and the push of the devil.
 - C. I was _____ (v. 3)
"Flesh"- my way rules

- II. My God's _____ (v. 4-7)
" But God..... "
 - A. God is _____ (v. 4)
He relates to us in grace and mercy.
 - B. God is _____ (v. 5)
Don't look dead or act dead.
 - C. God is _____ (v. 6-7)
He paid the debt!

- III. My Grace _____ (v. 8-10)
 - A. I am God's _____ (v. 10a)
"creation" - poem (His Best Stuff)
 - B. I am God's _____ (v. 10b)
He made me His "Friend"

God is Smiling at You !