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latin : religio / religare
to bind, fasten, tie

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Greek: eu - angelion

good news ; glad tidings

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...as "News"

*"He said to them: 'Go into all the world
and preach the gospel to all creation.'"*

Mark 16:15

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*"Jesus lived the life you should have lived
and died the death you should have died
in YOUR place...
so that God could receive you NOT based
on what you have done, but based on what
HE has done through Christ for you."*

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...as "News"

*"The essence of sin is man substituting himself
for God, while the essence of salvation is God
substituting himself for man."*

*Man...puts himself where only God deserves
to be; God...putting himself where only man
deserves to be."*

- John Stott

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- * Jesus' life, death, & resurrection has achieved salvation
- * We don't achieve it... we accept it

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...as "News" → **FREEDOM**

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...as "Grace"

"I have been crucified with the Liberating King - I am no longer alive - but the Liberator is living in me, and whatever life I have left in this failing body, I live by the faithfulness of God's Son, the one who loves me, and gave His body on the cross for me. I say all that to make this point: I can't dismiss God's grace, and I won't."

Galatians 2:20-21

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...as "Grace"

"You were at odds with God, wicked in your ways and evil in your minds, but now the Liberating King has reconciled you in His body - in His flesh through His death - so that He can present you to God, holy, blameless, and totally free of imperfection..."

Colossians 2:21-22

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...as "Grace"

grace is...

- my record exchanged for His
- God seeing me as holy, blameless, and totally free of imperfection because of Jesus' faithfulness

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...as "Grace"

The difference between grace in your HEAD and grace in your HEART is the difference between living for performance (religion) and living from acceptance (gospel)

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- I'm a good Christian. I'm not like those kind of people." (Pride)

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Moral effort restrains the heart,
but doesn't change it.

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Ask: "Why am I lying in this particular situation?"

Answer: "I'm lying because..."

- ... I need to protect my image."
- ... I need that job."
- ... I don't trust them."

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Ask: "How do I stop lying?"

Solution: Recognize that your tendency to lie is a failure to fully believe that you are fully forgiven and accepted by grace, just as you are.

Relinquish the pursuit to order, fix, control, arrange your own world.

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...as "Grace"

"I am more wicked and flawed than I dared believe, and more loved and accepted than I dared hope... at the same time."

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...as "News" → FREEDOM

...as "Grace" → ACCEPTANCE

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...as "Life in the Kingdom"

"Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the Kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people."

Matthew 4:23

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...as "Life in the Kingdom"

"You have rescued us from dark powers and brought us safely into the Kingdom of Your Son, whom you love and in whom we are redeemed and forgiven of our sins through His blood."

Colossians 1:13-14

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lose your life to find it
strength in weakness
the way to power is through surrender
love your enemies
greatness by serving the least
death that leads to life

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...as "Life in the Kingdom"

Because I'm accepted, I obey.

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...as "Life" → TRANSFORMATION

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