

MERRY GRACE-MASS

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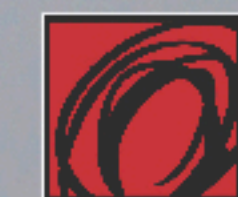
God's Gift of Grace



John 9:1-16

Is this statement is true?

There is a connection between the moral actions of mankind
and the favour of God



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John 9:16 “Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them.”

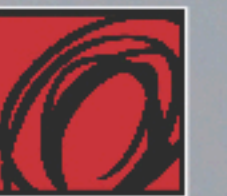
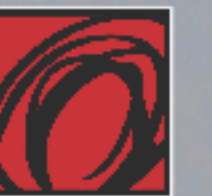


Exhibit A: They believed he man was made blind by God.
(punishment for sin)

Exhibit B: They believed that the man was healed by God.
(While he was still sinful)

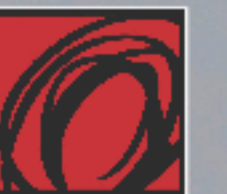
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I never thought of that...

Mark 2:27, "And he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."
(Healing on the Sabbath is not a sin)

Mark 2:28, "So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."
(There is someone who defines the meaning of morality)

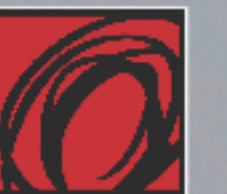


Matthew 1:18-19, “Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, **being a just man** and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly.”



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Matthew 1:20-21, "But **as he considered these things**, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."



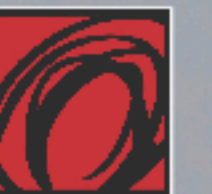
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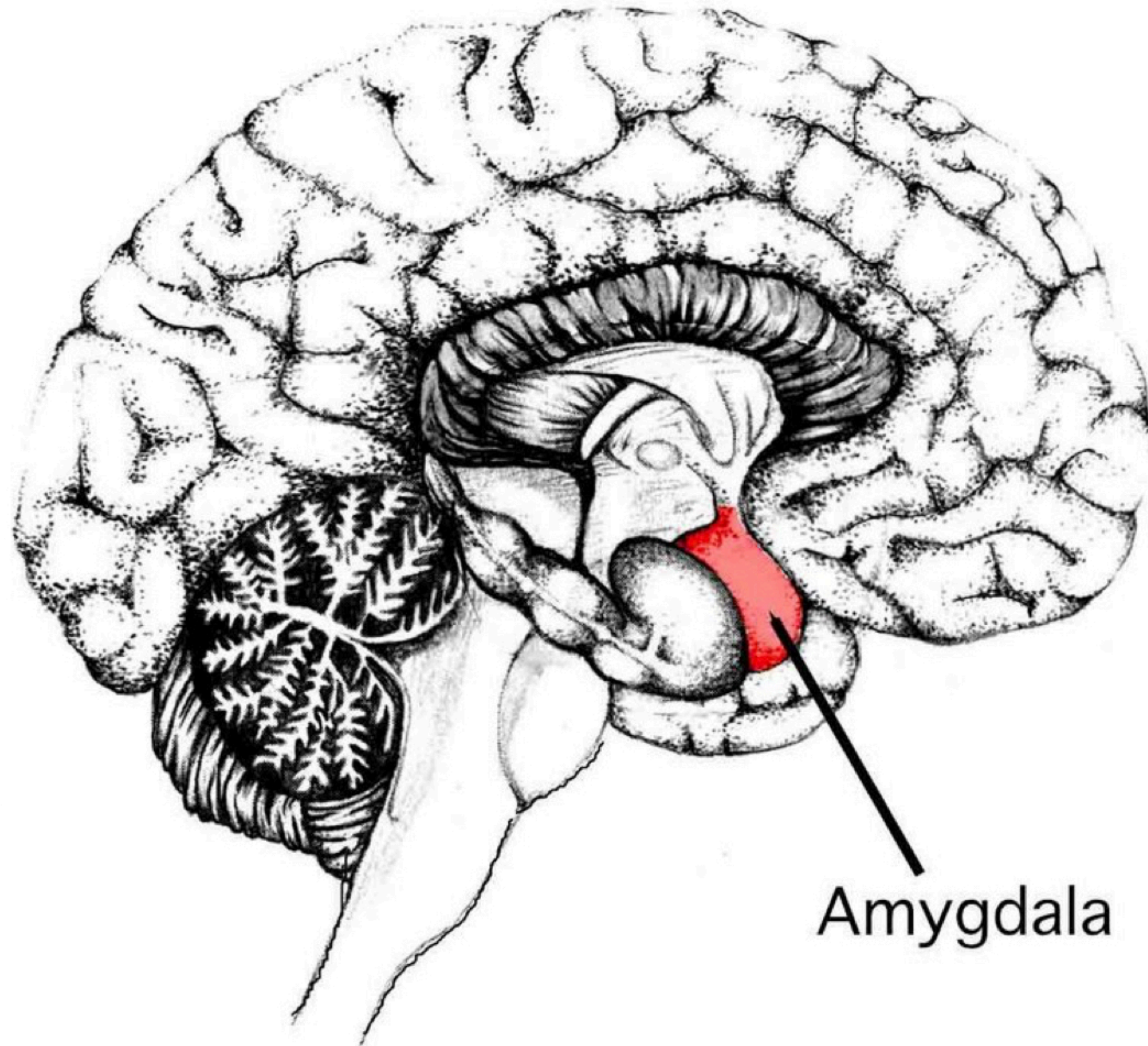
to be inspirited, that is, ponder: - think.

From: Thumos

passion (as if breathing hard): - fierceness, indignation, wrath.



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Amygdala

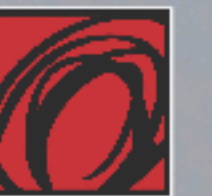
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Divorcing Mary was not cold logic.



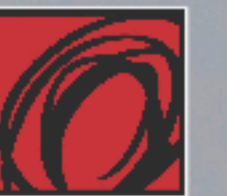
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The most important things you come to believe are not the result of cold logic.



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John 1:12 But to all who did **receive** him, who **believed** in his name, he gave the right to **become** children of God,



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What if God wants me to receive something I have
strong convictions against?

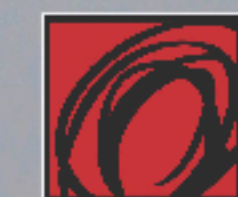


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Acts 10:11-13, “and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: “Rise, Peter; kill and eat.”



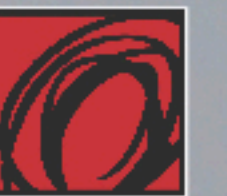
Acts 10:14-15, "But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common."



Acts 10:44-45, “While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles.



Romans 4:16-17, “That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.”



Grace needs 2 things

1. Revelation - what we receive
2. Acceptance - what we believe

This requires trust, not just more information

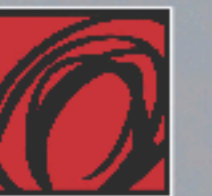


Things that do not exist except by faith:

1. I am loved by God
2. I am completely forgiven
3. I do not need to worry
4. I am not trapped in sin
5. I am righteous
6. This world is passing away

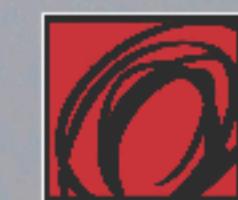


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Acts 10:19, “And while Peter **was pondering the vision**, the Spirit said to him, “Behold, three men are looking for you.”



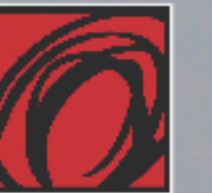
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If God speaks:

1. Consider His words

2. Act on them

James 1:22, “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”



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