

# Tullian Tchividjian

## Quotes

*Grace, Jesus, People, Christian, Thinking, Needs, Suffering, Self, Heart, Pain,  
Christ, Church, Law, Done, Acceptance, Way, News, Believe, Home, Doe*

Your identity is firmly anchored in Christ's accomplishment, not yours; his strength, not yours; his performance, not yours; his victory, not yours.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The people who tend to be the most gracious are those who know how badly they need grace

~Tullian Tchividjian

Legalism says God will love us if we change. The gospel says God will change us because He loves us.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God's acceptance of us cannot be gained by our successes nor forfeited by our failures.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God's ability to clean things up is infinitely greater than our ability to mess things up.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The desperate addict is closer to the heart of grace than the devout moralist.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Here's one way I can know that I've forgotten the gospel of grace: when your sin bothers me more than my sin.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Christianity is not about good people getting better. It is good news for bad people coping with their failure to be good.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Nothing makes me want to obey more than knowing that God

unconditionally loves me and forgives me even when I disobey.

~Tullian Tchividjian

If people knew the REAL us, they would run. God knows, stays, and loves.

~Tullian Tchividjian

We are broken people living in a broken world with other broken people. We all need grace.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace is unconditional acceptance given to an undeserving person by an unobligated giver.

~Tullian Tchividjian

If you feel compelled to respond every time you're criticized it reveals just how much you've built your identity on being right.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Remember on your best day that Jesus had to die for you. Remember on your worst day that he did.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Rest assured: Before God, the righteousness of Christ is all we need; before God, the righteousness of Christ is all we have.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The heart of the Christian faith is Good News, not good advice, good technique, or good behavior.

~Tullian Tchividjian

If the depths of everyone's sin was made public, we would all be much more gracious to each other.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Legalism breeds a sense of entitlement that turns us into complainers.

~Tullian Tchividjian

I think there is tribalism is a big deal inside of the church, that the church thinks of themselves as a tribe and not a mission.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Passive righteousness tells us that God does not need our good works. Active righteousness tells us that our neighbor does. The aim and direction of good works are horizontal, not vertical.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God loves broken people because broken people are all that there are.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace always runs downhill, meeting us at the bottom, not the top.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The ironic thing about legalism is that it not only doesn't make people work harder, it makes them give up. Moralism doesn't produce morality; rather, it produces immorality.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Mt. Sinai says, 'You must do. Mt. Calvary says, 'Because you couldn't, Jesus did.' Don't run to the wrong mountain for your hiding place

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace frees you to be honest about what you've always known to be true about yourself: that you're weaker & more afraid than you want to be.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Self-righteousness is the fruit of a low view of God's law and a lite view of your own sin.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Graciousness is the fruit of someone who knows how badly they themselves need grace.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The law demands that we do it all; the gospel declares that Jesus paid it all.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel doesn't just free me from what people think of me, but also from what I think of me.

~Tullian Tchividjian

A preacher who doesn't believe he's that bad will attract people who don't think they're that bad. And that's bad.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Our deepest fear is judgment. Our deepest longing is love. The gospel of grace removes the one and provides the other.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The grace of God sets us free from a life of perfection, performing, and pretending.

~Tullian Tchividjian

There is no better news than that the God who makes the demand for perfection also meets the demand for perfection on our behalf.

~Tullian Tchividjian

My observation of Christendom is that most of us tend to base our relationship with God on our performance instead of on His grace.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel is for the defeated, not the dominant.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Jesus plus nothing equals everything; everything minus Jesus equals nothing.

~Tullian Tchividjian

We don't need answers and explanations as much as we need God's presence in and through the suffering.

~Tullian Tchividjian

If you uproot the idol and fail to plant the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace is love that seeks you out when you have nothing to give in return. Grace is love coming at you that has nothing to do with you. Grace is being loved when you are unlovable.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The biggest lie about grace that Satan wants the church to buy is the idea that it's dangerous and therefore needs to be kept in check.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The lifeblood of Christianity is not our persistence in moving toward God but God's persistence in moving toward us.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The truth, whether we admit it or not, is that grace scares us to death. It scares us primarily because it wrestles control and manageability out of our hands - introducing chaos and freedom.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The Bible makes it clear that self-righteousness is the premier enemy of

the Gospel.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel is good news to those who know they don't measure up. It's offensive to those who think they do.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel alone liberates you to live a life of scandalous generosity, unrestrained sacrifice, uncommon valor, and unbounded courage.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Sanctification consists of the daily realization that in Christ we have died, and in Christ we have been raised.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The deepest cry of the human heart is to be loved without condition, no matter what. The gospel of grace announces that you are.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The world isn't scandalized by our freedom but by our fakeness.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Assurance never comes from looking at ourselves. It only comes as a consequence of looking to Christ.

~Tullian Tchividjian

To focus on how I'm doing more than what Christ has done is Christian narcissism

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel frees you from the pressure of having to fix people: your worth is located in Christ, not in their transformation.

~Tullian Tchividjian

I didn't realize that I was in a self-made prison of human approval and human acceptance. Didn't even realize it. Most of the prisons we live in we are not conscious of.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Christian growth doesn't happen by first behaving better, but by believing better--believing in bigger, deeper, brighter ways what Christ has already secured for sinners.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Before we can even begin to grapple with the frustrations and tragedies of life in this world, we must do away with our faithless morality of payback and reward.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God did not rescue me out of the pain, He rescued me through the pain!

~Tullian Tchividjian

Information is seldom enough to heal a wounded heart.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The deepest fear we have, 'the fear beneath all fears,' is the fear of not measuring up, the fear of judgment. It's this fear that creates the stress and depression of everyday life.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Moralism doesn't produce morality; it produces immorality.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Suffering reveals to us the two things that ultimately matter: that we are weak but He is strong.

~Tullian Tchividjian



Only the gospel can truly save you. The gospel doesn't make bad people good; it makes dead people alive...the gospel is God's acceptance of us based on what Christ has done, not on what we can do.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The emphasis of the Bible is on the work of the Redeemer, not on the work of the redeemed.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel doesn't make bad people good, it makes dead people alive.

~Tullian Tchividjian

When the Christian faith becomes defined by who we are and what we do and not by who Christ is and what he did for us, we miss the gospel - and we, ironically, become more disobedient.

~Tullian Tchividjian

We are all both victims and victimizers. Just as everyone suffers, no one is innocent of causing suffering themselves.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Even one who has been to God a million times with the same problem need not fear exhausting the grace of God.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Thankfully, God's restraining grace keeps even the worst of us from being utterly depraved. The worst people who have ever lived could've been worse.

~Tullian Tchividjian

If we're not reaching the same people Jesus reached, then we're not preaching the same message Jesus preached.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel announces that God doesn't relate to us based on our feats for Jesus, but Jesus' feats for us.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Real, pure, unadulterated freedom happens when the resources of the gospel smash any sense of need to secure for myself anything beyond what Christ has already secured for me.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Jesus is not the man at the top of the stairs; He is the man at the bottom, the friend of sinners, the savior of those in need of one. Which is all of us, all of the time.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The heart of sanctification is the life which feeds on justification.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Even political insiders recognize that years of political effort on behalf of Evangelical Christians have generated little cultural gain.

~Tullian Tchividjian

People who know they are not good make the best messengers of grace because they are desperately aware of their own need for it.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Our assurance is anchored in the love and grace of God expressed in the glorious exchange: our sin for His righteousness.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace doesn't lead us into destructive behavior. Sin does. And grace is the only remedy for sin. The kindness of God leads to repentance.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Once God saves us He doesn't move us beyond the gospel, but He moves us more deeply into the gospel.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace flows most refreshingly through the faucet of brokenness.

~Tullian Tchividjian

While our sin reaches far, God's grace reaches farther. God came after us not to strip away our freedom but to strip away our slavery to self, that we could become truly free.

~Tullian Tchividjian

What kind of person should you be to someone who has fallen? The kind of person you will run to when you fall.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God is the one to be praised, not our transformation.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Christianity is not "Jesus is our example." Christianity is "Jesus is our substitute."

~Tullian Tchividjian

If you look at the gospel, it just doesn't break things apart. The gospel brings things together. One of the great demonstration of the gospel's power is reconciliation.

~Tullian Tchividjian

We often read the Bible as if it were fundamentally about us: our improvement, our life, our triumph, our victory, our faith, our holiness, our godliness.

~Tullian Tchividjian

I was always in places where I was widely accepted, approved and

loved and I was finally in a place where people did not approve of me, did not accept me and did not love me. It was killing me.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God wants every local church to be the first place people think to go when they've really messed up...not the last.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Walking with God doesn't lead to God's favor; God's favor leads to walking with God.

~Tullian Tchividjian

God does everything through people who understand they're nothing. And God does nothing through those who think they're everything.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Explanations are a substitute for trust.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Spiritual growth is marked by a growing realization of just how much grace you need.

~Tullian Tchividjian

I think for far too long the Church has concluded that Christians don't need the gospel, it's simple what non-Christian people need in order to be saved.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Because the church has moved away from the gospel anytime you move away from the gospel, you at the same time move toward pretense, you move toward image-keeping, you move toward the need to pretend.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The Christian life has been nothing more and nothing less than a daily dependence on and a rediscovery of God's grace.

~Tullian Tchividjian

...this culture of mandatory happiness actually promotes dishonesty and more suffering.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The gospel doesn't just ignite the Christian life but it keeps Christians growing and growing every day. There's no reason to move beyond the gospel. There's only movement more into it.

~Tullian Tchividjian

In the Old Testament, we are continually told that our good works are not enough, that God has made a provision. This provision is pointed to at every place in the Old Testament.

~Tullian Tchividjian

I wish I could say that everything I do is for God's glory but I can't. And neither can you. What I can say is Jesus' blood covers all my efforts to glorify myself.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Grace could not have done its curing work if the law had not first done its crushing work.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Your pain could be God prying open your life and heart to remove a gift of His that you've been on to more dearly than Him.

~Tullian Tchividjian

Because Jesus was strong for us we are free to be weak.

~Tullian Tchividjian

The overwhelming emphasis of contemporary Christianity: "Just do it."  
The overwhelming emphasis of Biblical Christianity: "It is finished"

~Tullian Tchividjian

**Related Links:**

- Grace Quotes
- Jesus Quotes
- People Quotes
- Christian Quotes
- Thinking Quotes
- Needs Quotes
- Suffering Quotes
- Self Quotes
- Heart Quotes
- Pain Quotes
- Christ Quotes
- Church Quotes
- Law Quotes
- Done Quotes
- Acceptance Quotes
- Way Quotes
- News Quotes
- Believe Quotes
- Home Quotes
- Doe Quotes