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 - 9) _____ faith _____ *John 3:16, Philippians 2:12-13*

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 - 2) Before we can be SAVED, we must know we are HOPELESSLY LOST
 - 3) We are SEPARATED from God and cannot FIX IT
Mark 2:17, John 12:31
- Two of Satan's Most Dangerous LIES:**
- "You're not really SICK."
 - "God doesn't really LOVE YOU." *John 16:33*
- 4) MERCY means NOT getting what you deserve.
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Romans 5:8, John 5:24, Ephesians 1:20, Philippians 3:20
 - 6) We are living TROPHIES of His GRACE
 - 7) GRACE means getting something you DON'T deserve!
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What can you do to help your heart be the "good soil"?

2) How would you define God's grace to a non-Christian?

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