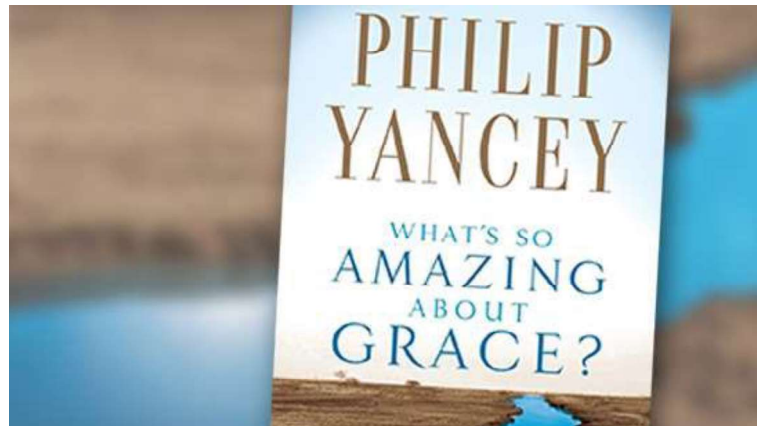




Message



'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people – robbers, evildoers, adulterers, this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." (Luke 18:10-12)

'I tell you that [the tax collector], rather than the other, went home justified before God! (Luke 18:14)



The confusion of grace

'Therefore, as God's chosen people... clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you... Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts' (Col. 3:12-15)



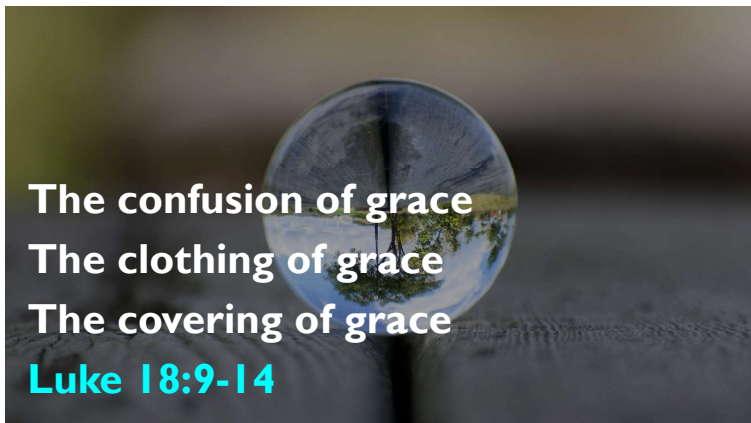
The clothing of grace

‘But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, “God, have mercy on me, a sinner.”’
(Luke 18:13)



‘mercy’ = ‘be propitiated’

‘God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood – to be received by faith.’
(Romans 3:25)
‘This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.’
(1 John 4:10)



The confusion of grace
The clothing of grace
The covering of grace
Luke 18:9-14