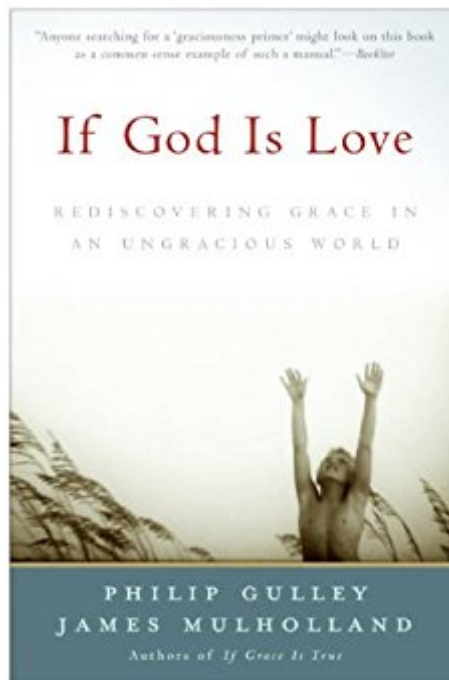




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If God Is Love: Rediscovering Grace In An Ungracious World



Synopsis

If God is love, why are so many Christians fearful, and why do so many church leaders sound hateful? Two controversial pastors address issues the church won't face, calling us to restore grace as the center of the Christian life. In *If Grace Is True*, Pastors Philip Gulley and James Mulholland revealed their belief that God will save every person. They now explore the implications of this belief, and its power to change every area of our lives. They attempt to answer one question: If we took God's love seriously, what would our world look like? Gulley and Mulholland argue that what we believe is crucial and dramatically affects the way we live and interact in the world. Beliefs have power. The belief in a literal hell where people suffer eternally has often been used by the Church to justify hate and violence, which contradicts what Jesus taught about love and grace. The authors present a new vision for our personal, religious, and corporate lives, exploring what our world would be like if we based our existence on the foundational truth that God loves every person. Gulley and Mulholland boldly address many controversial issues people in the pews have wondered about but churches have been unwilling to tackle. For too long, the Christian tradition has been steeped in negativity, exclusion, and judgment. Gulley and Mulholland usher us into a new age — an age where grace and love are allowed to reign.

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Customer Reviews

I am enjoying the content of the book; however, for several reasons rather than reading the book, I am using the narration and the reader the publisher chose for this edition does no service to the material. She speaks too rapidly as if she is being paid to finish the job quickly and there are no inflections or intonations to her reading. Additionally, the authors are male thus some of their references are male - when spoken by a female it doesn't make much sense All in all, a different reader would make the book far more enjoyable.

I like Gulley (and Mulholland) and appreciate his relationship with God. I agree with much of his criticism of organized religion and certainly with distinguishing between fear and love in following Christ. What I don't agree with, at least not yet, is his basis for these beliefs which he claims is because of his accepting "Universal Salvation". I do not know if he is correct or not in his belief but I think most of the outcomes in the Christian lifestyle he desires, which he attributes to Universal Salvation, can exist without having to take that particular step in faith. Many Christians are struggling with the concept of the Trinity. Was Jesus actually God or was he, as He claimed, the Son of God. Gulley doesn't seem to have that struggle. I don't think he believes Jesus was God at all and in fact he believes Jesus' goal on earth was much more than simply dying for our sins and demanding acceptance of the 4 spiritual laws in order to gain salvation. In fact Gulley doesn't believe that was His mission at all. He may be right and reading this book will certainly open up some ideas to chew on. And that's OK in my book. I believe pursuit of truth is honored by God.

This book is as good as If Grace is True!!!

Having been raised with an exteme fundamentalist (Baptist) background it has taken me a long time to open my arms, heart, and brain wide enough to even consider other beliefs than those I was raised with. Slowly, God has been loosening my grasp on "old" beliefs, and challenging me to even consider others. It has been a long process, and extremely difficult at times. When I had this book recommended to me, I was intrigued. Several times during the reading of it, I wanted to throw it

against the opposite wall to where I sat! I had to mentally, and spiritually "chew" some meat from my 'holy cows' of belief, and allow myself to even consider what the authors presented here. However, it was done with such grace, humility of heart, and desire to know God better, that I couldn't lay it down. God IS love, and is much bigger than any of us can even imagine!! Read this book, if you dare! It may shake your spiritual world, it may open your eyes to other possibilities than just your own narrow ones, why, it may even change your life--as it did mine!! Happy reading!

I enjoyed the book. It is very thought provoking. I'm sure very conservative Christians will hate it because hell is a big part of their religion. However, like it or hate it, agree with it or disagree with it, I think you'd have to admit that if everybody lived by the grace discussed in the book the world would be a much better place.

I highly recommend this book to anyone concerned about the eternal destiny of themselves or others. Phillip Gulley and James Mulholland make a convincing case that if God is love, then he will save every person. This book is a treasure!

If grace is true and God is love... the question, How then shall we live? is beautifully and insightfully answered in this book.

This book changed me. In a good way, illuminating God's true nature and some of the pitfalls of Evangelical Christianity.

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