Scriptures for evaluators on the nature of sin and grace

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This list of scripture passages is a starting point for an evaluator who wants to apply the principles of transformative evaluation. I welcome alternative interpretations of implications for evaluation, and reflections on other passages.


I Corinthians 10:12-13. God will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear.

1 Corinthians 15:1-11. Paul credits God’s grace for his achievements, not his own effort.

2 Corinthians 12:1-10. Paul’s thorn in the flesh demonstrates how grace is revealed in weakness.

Ephesians 4:1-16. Each one has grace as Christ apportioned it; use this grace to speak the truth in love.

Galatians 1:1-10. Lessons to learn about evaluation in Paul’s review of the church at Galatia.

Genesis chapters 1-3. The origin of sin.

Hebrews 2. Jesus shared in humanity that He might destroy the one who holds the power of death.

Hebrews 4:114-16. Jesus was tempted in every way that we are, yet He is without sin.

Hebrews 9:11-28. The blood of Christ cleanses our conscience from acts that lead to death.

James 1:2-18. Grace through trials and temptations.

John 1:10-18. Jesus is the face of grace.

John 3:16-21. Jesus describes how those who do evil hate the light. Those who have done evil must allow their deeds to be exposed before they can know truth.

John chapter 6. Jesus is the bread of life.

1 John 1:5-2:6. Sin is in our life, but God is faithful and just to those who confess their sin to God.

1 John 3:4-10. No one who is born of God through Jesus will continue to sin.

1 John 5:13-21; Pray for those where sin does not lead to death.

Luke 6:37-42. Deal with planks in your own eye before you try to deal with specks of sawdust in your brother’s eye.


Mark 7:14-23. Jesus explains how inner thoughts and attitudes are the root of sinful behavior.


Matthew 26:36-46. Watch and pray, lest you fall into temptation.

1 Peter 5:1-7. Peter describes how God gives grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:18-14. Be vigilant, for the devil is always lurking nearby.

Philippians 3: 7-21. Paul provides advice for overcoming the barrier of ego, and setting personal goals, to receiving grace.

Psalm 2. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Psalm 32. The psalmist describes the value of confessing sins and the painful consequences of not confessing.
Psalm 51. The dynamics of sin and grace.


Romans 3:21-26. Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:1-14. Count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6:15-23. Choose to be slaves to righteousness.

Romans 8:28-39. Paul assures us that the grace of God overcomes anything that would separate you from God.