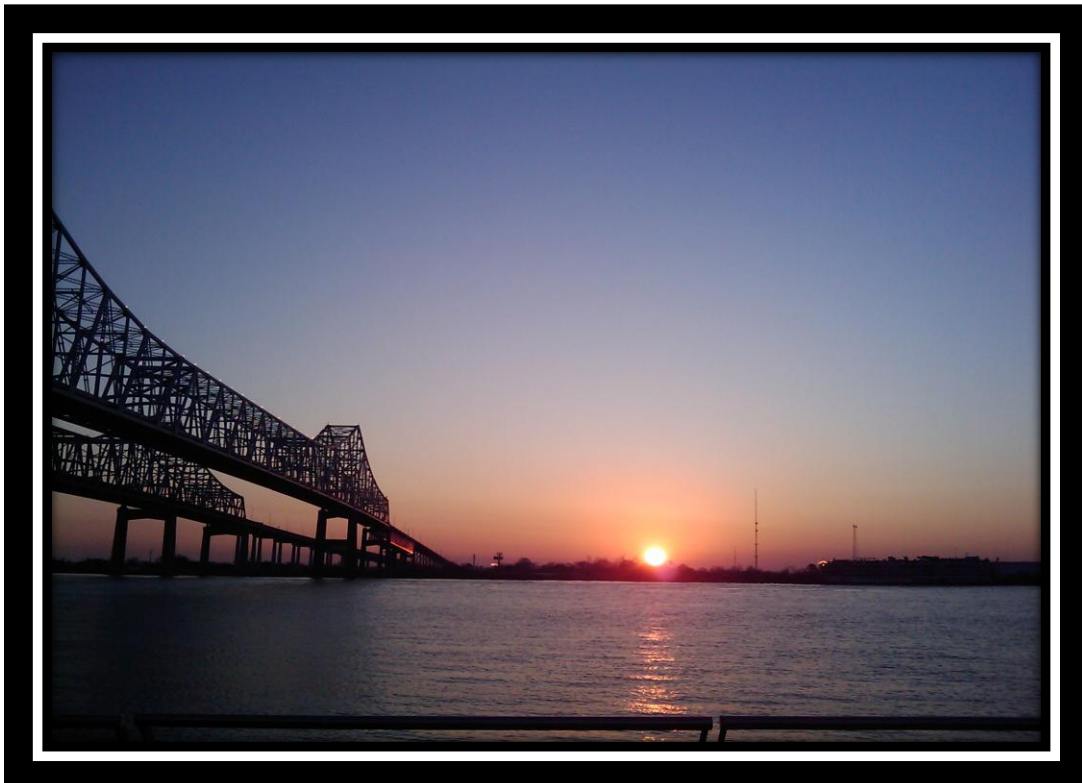


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## TRANSFORMING GRACE

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**2 Corinthians 5:17** *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

It is enriching to receive something special that is not deserved. In grace, God gave man what was not deserved. The experience of grace is made possible through Jesus Christ. When man embraces the truth and power of grace, he is transformed with gratitude, freed from the power of sin, and given a fullness of joy. Grace is life changing. God, by his grace, works marvelous transformations. In Isaiah 55:13, man is compared to thorns and briers. However a thorough change by the sovereign, regenerating grace of God may be compared to fragrant and fruitful fir trees and myrtle trees. God's word can nourish souls much like rain and snow nourish seeds (**Isaiah 55:10-13**). Grace does not leave man on his own to grow in spiritual maturity. When God's offer of grace is accepted, the work of God's grace begins in lives and is

