



Grace Snap Shot

"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"



Scooter Man

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I have a confession to make. Recently I rode my daughter Jen's pink scooter. The one with the cute little bird decals on it. Oh, I didn't just ride it around the block I drove it from Abbotsford BC to Vancouver BC (90km). Jen was out of town and the scooter needed to be moved so dad came to the rescue. I'm telling you this because as I cruised down some very public roads I was reminded of a great truth. As Jesus people our true identity is not based on what we do, where we do it or even how we do it. We find our true identity in Jesus Himself.

Even though I have a crazy side, I have to admit that as I started on my scooter run I was a little bit self conscious. Let's face it, there's not too many 6'4" guys zipping down roads on pink scooters.

As I headed out, my strategy was to kind of hunch down a bit, in an attempt to be inconspicuous. It didn't really work that well. People smiled, pointed, jeered, and honked their horns at me. The guys outside of the local Harley Davidson shop got their chuckles as I zoomed by. The hardest thing was getting stopped at a red light and having to just sit there while the world starred.

About ten minutes into my cross country journey I began to realize that I had been so consumed with what others might be thinking of me that I had been missing the joy of the trip. It was there and then that I decided to not be ruled by the opinions of others. My identity would not be defined by pinkness. Soon I found myself sitting up straight, with my shoulders back. A smile came across my face and I shouted at the top of my lungs, "Scooter Man!"

You know, there are a lot of people living their lives consumed by the opinions of others. From dawn to dusk their effort is focused on trying to win the approval of others through their appearance, personality, talent, wisdom, possessions, or accomplishments. Everybody seems to feel the need to be recognized for something. The truth is that the need we feel is the inward desire to be recognized by someone, and that someone is our Creator God.

People will do all kinds of things to try and win God's approval. They think, "If I'm religious enough, if I do enough good or try hard enough!" They spend their life journey hunched over with the weight of effort and miss out on the true beauty of their life journey, all because they don't understand the loving heart of Father.

No matter who you are or what you've done, you always have the attention of Father. He loves you and desires to have amazing relationship with you. So much so, that He sent Jesus who is "the way, the truth, and the life". It's only in Christ that you will experience full approval and discover your true identity, with or without a pink scooter.

Beep! Beep!