Ezekiel 16:4-5 NLT

On the day you were born, no one cared about you. Your umbilical cord was not cut, and you were never washed, rubbed with salt, and wrapped in cloth. No one had the slightest interest in you; no one pitied you or cared for you. On the day you were born, you were unwanted, dumped in a field and left to die.

God's Grace gives us what we don't deserve and haven't earned!

God's grace picks us up!

Ezekiel 16:6,9 NLT

"But I came by and saw you there, helplessly kicking about in your own blood. As you lay there, I said, 'Live!'..."Then I bathed you and washed off your blood, and I rubbed fragrant oils into your skin.

God's grace blesses us abundantly!

Ezekiel 16:10-12,14 NLT

I gave you expensive clothing of fine linen and silk, beautifully embroidered, and sandals made of fine goatskin leather. I gave you lovely jewelry, bracelets, beautiful necklaces, a ring for your nose, earrings for your ears, and a lovely crown for your head...Your fame soon spread throughout the world because of your beauty. I dressed you in my splendor and perfected your beauty, says the Sovereign Lord.

God's grace pays the price!

Ezekiel 16:62-63 ESV

I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall know that I am the Lord, that you may remember and be confounded, and never open your mouth again because of your shame, when I atone for you for all that you have done, declares the Lord God."

God's grace empowers us to live again!

Ezekiel 36:25-27 The Message

<u>I'll</u> pour pure water over you and scrub you clean. <u>I'll</u> give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. <u>I'll</u> remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that's God-willed, not self-willed. <u>I'll</u> put my Spirit in you and make it possible for you to do what I tell you and live by my commands. You'll once again live in the land I gave your ancestors. You'll be my people! I'll be your God!

Ephesians 2:8-9 NLT

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.