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Redemption or Desperation

Directions: One of the biggest questions in the story is whether the grandmother truly experiences **redemption** before she dies. Read the prompts below. Choose a position (**Yes, she is redeemed** or **No, she is not redeemed**) and use evidence from the story to defend your view.

1. When the grandmother reaches out and touches The Misfit, is that an act of true compassion, or only desperation?
2. Does her moment of recognition ("Why you're one of my babies") show genuine grace, or is it too late to matter?
3. Does O'Connor suggest that redemption can come at the very last moment of life?
4. If the grandmother is redeemed, what lesson does the story offer about grace?
5. If she is not redeemed, what lesson does the story offer about hypocrisy and sin?

Position	Evidence from Story	Explanation
YES - She is redeemed		
NO - She is not redeemed		