

MORE ABOUT GRACE

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John 1:14-16 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. 15 John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me: for he was before me. 16 And of his fullness have all we received, and grace for grace.

Saving Grace

- Act 20:24 identifies the gospel like this: "...the gospel of the grace of God."

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, grace visits us with convicting power and repentance
grace extends faith from God to us

The forgiveness of sins proceeds from grace: Eph 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the **forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;**

The justification that comes with salvation is of grace: Rom 3:24 Being **justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:**

The acceptance of us in Christ, by the Lord is of grace: Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Teaching grace

Tit 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts,
Eph 1:7-9 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 **Having made known unto** us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

Living grace

we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

Tit 2:13 Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ

Suffering grace

2Co 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

2Co 12:8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

2Co 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Standing grace

Rom 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access **by faith into this grace wherein we stand**, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Serving and worshiping grace

Rom 12:6 Having then **gifts differing according to the grace** that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

Rom 12:7 Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Rom 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Sacrificing or giving grace

In 2 Cor. 8 Paul is praising the churches of Macedonia for their giving spirit; he was doing that to provoke the church at Corinth to do the same thing. So after he has written about this charitableness, he says to them:

2Cor. 8:7 Therefore, as ye abound in every *thing, in* faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and *in* all diligence, and *in* your love to us, *see* that ye **abound in this grace** also.

Grace for every possible contingency of life

Mat 19:26 "... with God all things are possible."

Mat 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and **find grace to help in time of need.**

A final testimony from believers

1Cor. 15:10 "But by the grace of God I am what I am:...."