

GRACE GRACE

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Grace is not mercy or love. **Ephesians 2:4-5**

Love that in God, which existed before He exercised
Mercy or grace. It is the motivation behind all that
God does in saving a soul.

Mercy that which moved Him to provide a Savior for
for the lost.

Grace is that in God, which acts freely to save,
Because all the demands of holiness and
justice have been satisfied. It is all that God
does for the lost because Christ has died for
them.

Grace satisfies God's justice **Romans 3:26** and His love

John 3:16.

The sacrifice of Christ released the Holy demands of God and the love of
god is now not satisfied until He has done all He can do for the object of
His love.

The greatest thing God can do for someone is to make them like His Son,
which is the destiny of everyone who believes

Romans 8:29; 1John 3:2.

1. Grace represents what God can and will do for those who trust the
Savior. Human works are not a factor.
2. God's grace provides security for the one saved.
3. The recipient of God's grace is said to be "perfected forever" in the
sight of God because he is "in Christ". Nothing of merit needs to be
added to that which is perfected forever. **John 1:16; Romans 5:1-
2;**

Hebrews 10:14

The whole law system with its merit ceases to be applicable to the
saved one under grace (see previous notes). **Romans 6:14**

The Riches of divine Grace: that which God does for and to a lost individual because Christ has died for them and they have believed, resulting in being placed in Christ.

NOTE: that which can be said about the essential character of these riches:

1. They are not experienced (example: Justification). It is not felt. There is no sensation which gives corroborative evidence. It rests wholly on the testimony of God. It is not identified through human experience.
2. They are not progressive (example: sonship). There are many features of the relation between Father and Son, which are subject to progression and change, but sonship itself knows no advancement. A Child is as much a Son at birth as he is at any subsequent point in his existence. **Galatians 4:1-7**
3. They are not related to human merit. The Riches of Grace are built solely on the merit of the Son of God.
4. They are eternal in their character. They are based on the enduring perfection of Christ. (example: imputed righteousness or eternal life)
5. They are known only by revelation. They can be approached only as they are considered one by one in the light of all that God has declared respecting them.
6. They are the work of God alone...
Who can save himself?
Who can translate himself out of the power of darkness and into the kingdom of God's Son?
Who can constitute himself a citizen of heaven?
Who can write his own name in God's book of life?
Who can conform himself into the likeness of his Creator?

Salvation is much more than the continued existence of a good man.
Colossians 2:10

1. **To Be in the Eternal Plan of God Romans 8:28-30**

- a. Foreknown **1 Peter 1:1-2, 20; Acts 2:23**
- b. Predestinated – the plan for those elected
- c. Chosen (elected) **Ephesians 1:4; Colossians 3:12; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:1-2**
- d. Called **1 Thessalonians 5:24; Romans 11:29**
- e. Glorified **Romans 8:18-23**

2. Reconciled

- a. It is universal in character **2 Corinthians 5:19**
- b. It is specific in application **2 Corinthians 5:20**

3. Redeemed

- a. **Romans 3:21-24; Ephesians 1:7; Romans 8:23**

4. We stand before a God Who is **Propitiated**. He has been Rendered free toward sinners by the death of His Son for them. **Romans 3:25-26; 1 John 2:2**

5. **Forgiven All Trespasses** **Ephesians 1:7; 4:32; Colossians 1:14; 2:13-14; 3:13; Romans 8:33-34 Hebrews 10:2, 11-18**

6. **Joined to Christ Unto a New Walk.** **Romans 6:1-10**

7. **Free From the Law** **Romans 6:14; 7:2-6**

We are said to be:

- a. Free from the Law **Romans 8:2**
- b. Dead to the Law **Romans 7:4**
- c. Delivered from the Law **Romans 7:6; Galatians 3:25**

7. **Children of God** **1 John 3:1; 2 Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26**

- a. Born Again **John 1:12-13; 1 Peter 1:23**

b. Regenerated *Titus 3:5*

Regeneration is the receiving of the Divine Nature

(*Ephesians 2:1* We were “dead”)

c. A New Creature *2 Corinthians 5:17*

8. Adopted *Ephesians 1:5; Galatians 4:4-5*

9. Made Acceptable to God *1 Peter 2:5* through Imputed Righteousness *2 Corinthians 5:21*.

In short “Christian you” *Colossians 1:27; John 14:20*

And Sanctification *1 Corinthians 1:30; 6:11;*

Ephesians 5:27

Perfected Forever *Hebrews 10:14*

11. Justified *Romans 4:4-8* Him who justifies the ungodly
Romans 3:23-26 esp. vs 24,26 He is the justifier
Romans 5:1 Having been justified...we have peace with
God

Justification is more than forgiveness of sin.
It is being declared righteous.
God commits Himself to defend our justification-
Romans 8:33

12. **Brought Near** *Ephesians 2:11-22 esp. vs13* (positional truth) *Romans 8:35*

Practical aspect of this truth *James4:8; Hebrews 10:22*

13. **Delivered from the power of darkness** *Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 2:10*

The Apostle Paul's ministry was summed up with this Purpose of God. *Acts 26:12-18 esp.vs 18*

14. **Transferred to the kingdom of Christ** *Colossians 1:13*

Note: This kingdom is now; is present

1 Thessalonians 2:12

There is a practical application *2Peter 1:3-11 esp 11*

Note: We are delivered from and delivered to a kingdom.

15. **Placed on the Rock (Jesus) never to be removed from it.**

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Bottom line: all unbelievers are building upon the sand
all believers are building upon the rock

16. **Been made a gift from the Father to the Son**

John 17:2,6,9,20

Jesus is God's gift to the world *John 3:16* and we are
God's gift to His Son (We are His inheritance).

17. **Circumcised** *Colossians 2:11*

The physical body is not sinfull. It is the sin nature (the body of flesh) that rules the body. This body was crucified with Him *Romans 6:6-7*. It was removed from us through spiritual circumcision. The key to application is *Romans 6:11* "consider Yourselves to be dead to sin"; "alive to God" post Circumcision.

18. Partakers of the Holy and Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2,9 Revelations 1:6 5:9-10

19. 1 Peter 2:9

A Chosen Race (Generation KJV) – not restricted to one Span of human life, but rather we are the offspring of God.

A Holy Nation – separate, a distinct grouping among All the peoples of the earth

A People for God's Own Possession (Peculiar People-KJV) – we are born of God and are therefore, not of this World.

20. Heavenly Citizens Phillipians 3:20; Luke 10:20; Hebrews 12:22

The fact that we are citizens of Heaven and yet find Ourselves here on earth, puts us in a different Position.

That is why we are called:

Strangers (aliens) 1 Peter 2:11

Pilgrims (exiles) Hebrews 11:13

Ambassadors for Christ 2 Corinthians 5:20

21. Of the Family and Household of God Ephesians 2:19

Household of Faith Galatians 6:10

The visible church contains both saved and lost.

The household of God contains only those that are His.

2 Timothy 2:19-21

22. Join in the Fellowship of the Saints 1 John 1:1-4

This fellowship is organic John 17:21-23

23. Partners With Christ

In Position Eph 2:4-6; Col 3:1-4 (Positional

Resurrection)

BUT

God being rich in:

- a) Grace 1:7; 2:7
- b) The Glory of His Inheritance
- c) Christ 3:8
- d) Glory 3:16

God is rich in exhibiting undeserved kindness toward sinners because of His great love for us.

God has raised us with Christ to where Christ now is (pictured by the stones on the breastpiece of the High Priest as he entered the Holy Place...Ex 28:15-29)

2) In Life Col 1:26-27; 3:4; 1 John 5:11-12

“In Adam” is to abide in death – “In Christ” is to abide in life

3) In Service 1 Cor 1:9; 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1, 14-18

4) In Suffering 2 Tim 2:12; Phil 1:27-30; 1 Pet 4:12-19

Rom 8:18-28; 1 Thes 3:1-4

There should also be a spiritual suffering in our relation with the world Rom 9:1-3

5) In Prayer Jn 14:12-14; Rom 8:26-27

6) In Marriage 2 Cor 11:2; Eph 5:25-27

7) In Expectation Titus 2:11-14; Heb 10:12-13

Partner – One that is united with another or others in an activity or a sphere of common interest

Partnership – A relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility for the achievement of a specific goal

24. We have been granted access to God (outside of Christ there is NO access to God)

Eph 2:18 (vs 11-17); Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-20

25. Made the Object Of His Love 1 Jn 3:1; Rom 5:7-10

Beloved 2:7; 3:2; 4:1,7,11 etc

Beloved – Dearly loved

His Grace Eph 2:1-10

His Power Eph 1:18-23 (Phil 2:13)

His Peace Rom 5:1-2; Jn 14:27; Col 3:15

His Faithfulness Phil 1;6; 1 Thes 5:24

His Comfort 2 Thes 2:16-17

His Intercession Rom 8:26-27,34;

(Note: Jn 17:19,20)

Heb 7:25 (context vs 23-28) Heb 9:24

26. Grace includes an inheritance as part of our gift of eternal life.

Eph 2:10 with 1 Cor 3:7-15; 4:5

Rom 8:30; Eph 1:11; 1Pet 1:3-6; Eph 1:13-14;

Col 3:23-24; Heb 9:15

27. We have become partakers of the “Light” of God.

1 Jn 1:5 God is light...

2 Cor 4:6-7 This light shines in the face of Christ

Eph 5:8 We are now light in the Lord (veiled)

1 Jn 3:2-3 When we see Him we will become as He is

28. We are blessed with the presence of the Spirit

Born of the Spirit	Jn 3:6
Baptized by the Spirit	1Cor 12:3
Indwelt by the Spirit	Jn 14:15-18
Anointed by the Spirit	1 Jn 2:27
Sealed by the Spirit	Eph 4:30
Offered the filling of the Spirit	Eph 5:18

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29. We have been made complete Col 2:9-10

30. We have been blessed with every spiritual blessing
Eph 1:3

CONCLUDING THOUGHTS

We are united with God

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| 1. The believer is in God the Father | 1Thes 1:1 |
| God the Father is in the believer | Eph 4:6 |
| 2. The believer is in the Son | Rom 8:1 |
| The Son is in the believer | Jn 14:20 |
| 3. The believer is in the Spirit | Rom 8:9 |
| The Spirit is in the believer | 1 Cor 2:12 |

For the believer to be in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is a position.
For the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to be in the believer constitutes a possession.

By GRACE we have been saved.
In GRACE we continue to stand.
The GRACE of God is sufficient for all things.
Thanks be to God for HIS MARVELOUS GRACE!