

NOTES ON GRACE

Grace is spoken of in the scriptures in five different ways:

1. Grace is God's undeserved goodness to us in providing salvation. This salvation was provided by Christ's death as our substitute for our sins and His resurrection from the dead. This provision of salvation is received by our simple faith in Christ and His finished work. Scripture references:
 - a. Main scripture references: Ephesians 2:5,7-8; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:7
 - b. Other scripture references: Acts 11:23; 15:11; 18:27; 20:24; Romans 3:24; 4:4, 16; 5:2,15,17,20-21; 6:1; 11:5-6; 1 Corinthians 1:4; 2 Corinthians 4:15; 6:1; 8:9; Galatians 1:6, 15; 2:21; Ephesians 1:6-7; Colossians 1:6; 2 Thessalonians 2:16; Titus 2:11; Hebrews 2:9; 1 Peter 1:10; 3:7; Luke 7:42.
2. Grace is also God's undeserved goodness flowing to the believer to enable, equip and strengthen him for service and holy living.
 - a. Main scripture references: 1 Corinthians 15:10; 2 Corinthians 9:8; 12:9; 2 Timothy 2:1; Titus 2:11-12; Hebrews 4:16; James 4:6; 1 Peter 4:10.
 - b. Other scriptures references: Luke 1:30; 2:40; John 1:16; Acts 4:33; 6:8; 7:46; 14:26; 15:40; Romans 1:5; 12:3,6; 15:15; 1 Corinthians 3:10; 2 Corinthians 1:11-12; 8:1,6-7,19; 9:14; Galatians 2:9; Ephesians 3:7-8; 4:7, 29; Philippians 1:7; Colossians 4:6; 2 Thessalonians 1:12; 1 Timothy 1:14; Hebrews 12:15; 1 Peter 2:19-20; 5:5,10,12; 2 Peter 3:18
 - c. Scriptures where "grace" is mentioned in opening greetings: Romans 1:7; 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:3; 1 Peter 1:2; 2 Peter 1:2; 2 John 1:3; Revelation 1:4-5
 - d. Scriptures where "grace" is mentioned in closing greetings: Romans 16:20,24; 1 Corinthians 16:23; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 6:18; Ephesians 6:24; Philippians 4:23; Colossians 4:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:28; 2 Thessalonians 3:18; 1 Timothy 6:21; 2 Timothy 4:22; Titus 3:15; Philemon 1:25; Hebrews 13:25; Revelation 22:21
3. Grace describes God's undeserved goodness to be brought to believers when Christ returns: 1 Peter 1:13
4. Grace is used to describe the benefit our actions should bring to others: Luke 6:32-34; 2 Corinthians 1:15; 8:4; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 4:6.

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5. Grace is used to describe a system of teaching under which a person comes to Christ fully revealed: in His person as God and man, in His redemptive work in having died for our sins and having been bodily raised from the dead, in His present work as our high priest constantly interceding for us and living in us through the indwelling Holy Spirit to help us live by faith and obedience to His commands, and finally in His future work to complete our salvation and as king to judge the living and the dead. This system of teaching called “grace” is synonymous with the law of Christ (1 Corinthians 9:20-21) and the New Covenant (Hebrews 8:10-13). It is referred to as “grace” in contrast to the law of Moses in the following scriptures: John 1:14, 17; Acts 13:43; 14:3; 20:32; Romans 6:14-15; Galatians 5:4; Ephesians 3:2; Hebrews 13:9; Jude 1:4; Luke 4:22.