

# God's Gracious Gift of Grace

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# Grace

- John 1:14 - 17
  - Grace upon Grace and Grace and Truth came by Jesus Christ
  - Grace came in the person of the Lord Jesus and Grace is on the Throne today.
- Grace is a familiar word in scripture along with related words, gracious, graciously
  - We find grace throughout scripture 132 times in the NASB although not used that frequently in the OT but the word gracious is used more in the OT.
- Divine Grace is one of God's attributes ...1 Peter 5:10...the God of all grace.
- Grace is the Greek word(*charis*) in the NT means Favor, blessing or Kindness" and related to the heart.
- When used in connection with God's Love, it takes on a much more powerful meaning, It is God's love in action to the undeserving or we would say "Unmerited favor".
- It was the grace of God that convicted Martin Luther as he wrote: Grace signifies that favor with which God receives us, forgiving our sins and justifying us freely through Christ.
- We say the Day of Grace or grace period when talking about time that is given before a certain time.
  - Extra 9:8

# Romans 5

We have encountered Grace many times in our Wednesday night prayer meetings in Romans.

- Romans 5:2 Obtained access by faith into this *grace in which we stand*.
- Romans 5:15 Much more *the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ abounded for many*.
- Romans 5:17 Much more will those who receive *the abundance of grace* and the free gift of righteousness
- Romans 5:20 *Grace abounded* all the more.
- Romans 5:21 *Grace would reign in righteousness*.

# The Character of Grace

Eph 1:4-7

Sovereign Divine Grace signifies that favor that God shows us in choosing us, forgiving our sins and justifying us freely through Christ.

Divine grace is free, without cost to all who believe. God's benevolence to the underserving or has been stated as God's love in action.

Or in the acrostic "God's riches at Christ's Expense."

Grace can also refer to God's goodness in what he provides for us daily.

- Be gracious unto us....

Grace began in the Garden of Eden when God covered Adam and Eve with skins rather than putting them to death, God made a way for them to be right with Him.

- The last verse in the Bible is Rev 22:21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

# Grace's impact on our lives

- Choosing Grace.... 2 Tim 1:9, A Holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.
- Calling Grace... Acts 2:39, 1 Cor 1:4,9, 24, 26
- Redeeming/Forgiving Grace...Eph 1:7
- Merciful Grace.....Eph 2:4
- Saving Grace...Eph 2:8-9
- Justifying Grace...Rom 3:24
- Gifting Grace....Rom 12:6, Ephesians 4:7
- Glorifying Grace...2 Thess 2:14
- Indwelling Grace...Rev 22:21 final verse of the Bible.

# Grace in Greetings and Closings

- The Apostle Paul, Peter and John opened and closed their epistles with Grace
- Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be upon you.
- Grace, Mercy and Peace..
- Grace be with those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love.
- This is a nice greeting that desires God's favor and love to be show to other believers!
- Rom 1:7, Rom 16:24, 1 Cor 1:3, 1 Cor 16:23, 2 Cor 1:2, 2 Cor 13:14, Gal 1:3, Gal 6:18, Eph 1:2, Eph 6:24, Phil 1:2, Phil 4:23, Col 1:2, Col 4:18, 1 Thess 1:1, 1 Thess 5:28, 2 Thess 1:2, 2 Thess 3:18, 1 Tim 1:2, 1 Tim 6:21, 2 Tim 1:2, 2 Tim 4:22, Titus 1:4, Titus 3:15, Phil 1:3, 25, Heb 13:25, 1 Pet 1:2, 2 Pet 1:2, 2 John 1:3, Rev 1:4 from Jesus

# Grace in our lives

From eternity past to eternity future, the divine work of saving sinners is entirely on the basis of grace. 2 Tim 1:19 Our only contribution was that our sin was laid on the Lord Jesus Christ as even repentance and faith are gifts of grace bestowed by God. Truth convicts but Grace draws us to the Lord.

We frequently sing of the Amazing Grace how sweet the sound....

All glory goes to God, because all grace is from Him. Every aspect of His saving grace is reason for us to praise His glorious name. Rom 11:36.. For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever...

Grace is also something that we should exhibit in our lives.

We also find individuals showing grace and exhortation for believers to be gracious.

Acts 6:8 Stephen, full of grace and power

In 2 Cor 8 Helping others is mentioned as a gracious work.