

# The Gospel of His

# GRACE

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*But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify to the **gospel of the grace of God.***  
**Acts 20:24 (KJV)**

**1. Question: What comes to mind, when you think about grace?**

- *For by grace are you saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.*  
**Ephesians 2:8**
- *In Him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.*  
**Romans 3:24**
- *Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may rest on grace, and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the Law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham.*  
**Romans 4:16**

**2. Question: What is grace?**

- The most familiar definition we know of grace, is undeserved (unmerited) favor. To expand on this definition, we can interpret grace as: the exercise of God's love, kindness, mercy and divine favor towards man; grace is God's disposition (nature) to bring us into a privileged position or state in life.
- So this position of privilege, that was impossible for us to earn on our own merit, and was previously unattainable (unreachable, impossible to be achieved) was then freely GIFTED to us by God, without any human intervention! How awesome is the grace of God!
- But what if there is more to grace than salvation? More than divine favor? More than mercy?

**3. Question: Why is grace so important? The purpose of grace.**

- ***For what the law could not do**, in that it was weak, through the flesh, God sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. **Rom 8:3-4 (KJV)***
- *If you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace.*  
**Galatians 5:21(NLT)**
- *By whom also we have access by faith into this **grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.*  
**Romans 5:2**
- *That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*  
**Titus 3:7**
- *I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.*  
**Galatians 2:21 (NLT)**

#### 4. More Grace: Man's Role.

- Earlier, we established that grace is God's decision. It is independent of any human intervention. While this still holds true, we cannot ignore the role that we have to play, in experiencing the fullness of God's grace.
- We can all agree that salvation is a gift from God and was given freely to us. However, the bible clearly tells us that we have a role to play:
- *He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:*  
**John 1:11-12**
- *That if you shall confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart man believes to righteousness; and with the mouth, confession is made unto salvation.*  
**Romans 10:9-10**

#### 5. Charis Grace

- In the Greek language, grace is known as *charis*. Based on the Greek interpretation, grace then comes to mean:
- *"The merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens and increases them in the faith, knowledge and affection for Christ, and kindles them to the exercise of their faith (Christian virtues)."*
- Grace is God's doing: 2 Tim 1:9
- We (believers) are all beneficiaries of the Grace of God: John 1: 16-17; Romans 2:4
- Grace is not only salvation from sins, but it is empowerment to live godly lives. 2 Peter 1:3
- We (believers) are direct descendants of God's grace. 1 Corinthians 15:10
- Grace enables us to live our lives in honor of the one to whom we belong.
- Grace gives way to the presence of God. Exodus 33:13-16
- Grace gives way to answered prayer. Exodus 33:17; 2 Samuel 14:22

#### 6. The Tenets of Grace

1. Grace is decided and managed by God alone. There is no human influence.
2. Grace is eternal, unchanging, just like God. We cannot mess it up.
3. Grace is a gift; it is unearned and it's terms cannot be negotiated.
4. Grace must be received and acted upon in order for it to be effective.