

## GRACE

### Lesson 27

1. The words grace and gracious can be found nearly 200 TIMES in Scripture.
2. Grace in the Greek means a HEARTFELT attraction to someone. The Greeks also use the word to express GENEROSITY without thought of REWARD or FAVOR from the other person.
3. Grace is God's FREE ACTION in behalf of those who are without MERIT; divine favor or unmerited favor. It is His GOODNESS to those who deserve His WRATH.
4. The BIBLE DEFINITION of grace is found in Titus 3:4&5.
5. LOVE AND MERCY are what make up God's GRACE. Eph. 2:4&5
6. GRACE is one of the characteristics which help to make up God's NATURE. 1 Peter 5:10; James 4:6; 2 Timothy 1:9
7. Grace comes to us through Christ Jesus. John 1:14, 16 & 17
8. Grace is the LOVE AND MERCY of God shown in the DEATH of His Son Jesus. John 3:16

### Special Notation

Let me remind you of an acrostic we looked at earlier this year:

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9. Our JUSTIFICATION (being declared righteous) came to us by His GRACE. Romans 3:24  
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10. We have FORGIVENESS OF SINS in accordance to His grace. Ephesians 1:7 and 8
11. Another way to express God's grace is with the word KINDNESS. Ephesians 2:7
12. The GREAT PASSAGE on grace and faith is Ephesians 2:8 and 9.
13. God's grace is not only sufficient for our SALVATION but also for our DAILY WALK.  
2 Cor. 12:7, 8 and 9; 2 Cor. 1:12; 9:8; Col. 4:6 and 2 Timothy 2:1; 2 Peter 3:18
14. Grace not only SAVES, it TEACHES spiritual truths. Titus 2:11 and 12

### Special Notation

There was God's grace in the Old Testament but it was in a limited form. "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." Genesis 6:8 "Moses found grace" in God's sight. Exodus 33:12 Generally to find grace in God's eyes was limited to physical judgment or punishment. He withheld temporal judgment rather than eternal judgment. He also showed His grace in granting the personal requests of His people. Nonetheless Old Testament grace was still the evidence of God's love and mercy.

15. SALVATION is an act of God's grace; it CANNOT BE PRODUCED by our good works. It is GOD'S GIFT to us in response to our FAITH in Christ. Acts 15:11

16. Grace changes our attitude toward GIVING. We should not give because we have to give, but we should give AS AN EXPRESSION of our appreciation for God's love and mercy toward us. 2 Corinthians 8:7 and 9:6-8

17. Grace gives COMFORT, HOPE and STRENGTH for EVERY need. 2 Thessalonians 2:16 and 17

### Conclusion

Grace is of God. We cannot produce grace, nor can we work to earn grace. When we accept Jesus Christ, Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God ... not of works." (Ephesians 2:8-9) Grace is what God does in our heart -- faith is our part. Salvation is an act of grace. As we grow in grace, we should have less of our own ego and pride. We should "humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He shall lift you up." Grace becomes a reality and force in life. We should realize that as Christians, we have all of "**God's Riches At Christ's Expense.**" Grace is God's favor toward us -- it is His love toward us. We deserve nothing. He gives forgiveness, salvation and eternal life to all who will accept Jesus Christ as Saviour. In "the ages to come, He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7) The last verse of the Bible says, "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Revelation 22:21)