

Unleashing the Power of Grace Part 1

Under Grace

A. Definitions of Grace.

1. God's Riches at Christ's Expense.
2. God's help when we don't deserve it.
3. Webster: Unmerited divine assistance given to man for regeneration and redemption.
4. New: God's Regeneration As Correction Enters (2 Tim 3:16).

B. Salvation through Grace.

1. Saved by grace.
Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,
Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;).
2. Saved by grace through faith.
Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.
Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God,
3. Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.
Jam 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works** is dead?
Jam 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is **dead**, so **faith** without works is **dead**.
Jam 2:21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?
Jam 2:22 thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?
4. Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.
Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth (*faith*) unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession (*works*) is made unto salvation.

C. Knowledge Multiplies Grace.

1. Rom 12:2 Mental Assent is knowing about God in your mind and defines the limits of your faith.
Jam 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
2. Jam 1:23-25 Faith is produced when you act on mental knowledge. (i.e., you choose to act on God's report and you are not moved by the circumstances 2 Cor 5:7).

3. Pro 23:7 As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.
James 1:21 Faith is knowing about God in your heart, which produces the engrafted word in your heart which saves your soul.
4. Grace is multiplied through the knowledge of God and Jesus.
2 Pet 1:2 Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.

D. Grace and Discipline.

1. Matt 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
Luke 6:39 And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?
2. John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.
Ps 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Deut 28:1-2 Hear and do the Word and the blessings will chase you down.
3. Faith and Works are partners.
Too much reliance on faith without works (action) is presumptuous. It is a form of pride and can lead to destruction.
Too much reliance on works without faith is carnal, tending towards perfectionism, and can lead to guilt and condemnation and death.
4. Discipline keeps you on the straight and narrow path.
Walking in a lifestyle of grace comes from the discipline of balancing faith and works; faith in God's grace and your actions (e.g., Faith Action Plan).
John 8:31-32 Continue (hear and do) in the Word and be set free.
Matt 7:24 Partnering with God by hearing and doing the Word of God brings victory.
Too much reliance on grace is hearing and not doing. It is loving the gifts and ignoring the Giver. We love the Giver when we have the discipline to keep His commandments.
John 14:21 He that hath my commandments, and keeps them, he it is that loves me: and he that loves me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him
Too much reliance on doing is ignoring the hearing of the Word of Grace that all our blessings come because of grace through faith. We need to trust God, trust Him that our faith releases the grace for the blessing
Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?
Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?
Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?