

Grace ~ Defined & Displayed

Rom 11:5 Even so then, at this present time there is a remnant according to the election of **grace**.

Rom 11:6 And if by **grace**, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise **grace** is no longer **grace**. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer **grace**; otherwise work is no longer work.

1 Cor 15:10 But by the **grace** of God I am what I am, and His **grace** toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the **grace** of God *which was* with me.

2 Cor 8:9 For you know the **grace** of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Cor 9:8 And God *is* able to make all **grace** abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all *things*, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Cor 12:9 And He said to me, "My **grace** is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by **grace** you have been saved),

Eph 2:6 and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus,

Eph 2:7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His **grace** in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Eph 2:8 For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,

Eph 2:9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

• We are called to work out, what God's grace is working in us. Phil 2:12,13 ... , work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.

Ephesians 4:29 ... 2 Timothy 2:1 ... Hebrews 4:16

The Grace of God

Grace Defined ...

Grace, apart from our worthiness or unworthiness, is God's freely given, favour, loving-kindness, goodwill or benefit.

Grace is God working on our behalf.

Grace empowers us to do what we could not ourselves do.

Grace imparts to us what we have no claim otherwise to.

Grace originates from the giver unaffected by the recipient.

Grace is not a thing earned or merited by the recipient.

Grace is given, apart from the worthiness of the recipient.

Grace is given to the humble!

"God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

James 4:6 & 1 Peter 5:5

When the grace of God is at work in someone's life it will be evidenced or displayed in the following manner.

Grace Displayed ...

- Grace ... makes us alive to God
- Grace ... leads us to repentance
- Grace ... imparts faith
- Grace ... redeems
- Grace ... atones
- Grace ... forgives
- Grace ... teaches us
- Grace ... enables us
- Grace ... builds us up
- Grace ... strengthens us
- Grace ... empowers us
- Grace ... keeps us

The saving grace of God is active in many ways in our lives. We are most familiar with grace, as seen in God's kindness towards us, in sending His own Son Jesus to bear the penalty of our sins by His own death on the cross. Yet it must be understood that the grace of God includes and involves much more. Grace is a word that includes the whole activity of God in His loving saving work towards and on behalf of fallen mankind. See Titus 2:11-14

When the Bible tells us that God gives us grace, it is telling us that God is providing and imparting to us all that is necessary to bring about our salvation and to live lives pleasing to Him.

Scripture teaches us the following principles of grace ...

- **Grace** is given to the humble!

It is worth noting first of all, that the only thing that we may do to invite the grace of God into our lives, is to humble ourselves. James 4:6 1 Pet 5:5 2 Chr 7:14 Psalm 18:27 25:9 147:6

- **Grace** ... made us alive

Even when we were dead in our sins God made us alive according to His grace towards us. The one "born again" receives this gift only by God's divine grace and no merit of their own. Eph 2:4,5

- **Grace** ... imparts faith

The willingness and ability to believe is itself a gift of grace from God. Only by God's enablement do we believe. Eph 2:8

Acts 18:27 Rom 11:5,6

- **Grace** ... atones for our sins ... Hebrews 2:9

- **Grace** ... forgives

Forgiveness of sins comes as part of the richness of God's grace. Eph 1:7-9 Titus 3:4-7

- **Grace** ... redeems

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

- **Grace** ... makes us accepted in the Beloved Eph 1:6

- **Grace** ... teaches us ... Titus 2:11-14

Rom 3:24 being justified freely by His **grace** through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

Therefore if we say that we have experienced the grace of God that brings salvation, then the evidence of grace working in us,

should be seen in our lives. We should come confidently to the throne of grace that we might receive more grace.

Grace Displayed ...

Acts 4:33 And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great **grace** was upon them all.

Acts 11:21 And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number believed and turned to the Lord.

Acts 11:22 Then news of these things came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch.

Acts 11:23 When he came and had **seen** the **grace** of God, he was glad, and encouraged them all that with purpose of heart they should continue with the Lord.

Acts 20:32 "So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His **grace**, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

Rom 1:5 Through Him we have received **grace** and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, Rom 1:6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Rom 4:4 Now to him who works, the wages are not counted as **grace** but as debt.

Rom 4:5 But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,

Rom 4:16 Therefore *it is* of faith that *it might be* according to **grace**, so that the promise might be sure to all the seed, not only to those who are of the law, but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all

Rom 5:1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Rom 5:2 through whom also we have access by faith into this **grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 5:15 But the **free gift (literally "grace gift")** is not like the offense. For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the **grace** of God and the gift by the **grace** of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many.