

Grace Enriches Others

2 Corinthians 8:1-9



Vs. 1 God constantly gives abundant grace
to His Church to give to others



“One of the effects of saving, transforming, sanctifying grace is a longing to give generously and sacrificially to those in need, especially believers”.

John MacArthur



Vs. 2 An awareness of God's extravagant grace produces joy that overflows in generosity towards others regardless of your personal need.



Despite all their own difficulties they did not turn inwards; their concern was for others, the one proof of “authentic love” (2 Cor 8:2–8). It was this that released the divine power into the world. What a contrast to the church at Corinth, whose internal divisions risked putting a stumbling-block in the way of the conversion of both Jews and Greeks, and even endangered other Christians (1 Cor. 10:32–33)!

Murphy-O’Connor



Vs. 3 Grace gives willingly beyond human reason



Vs. 4 Graceful people give radically
towards the needs of others



The poverty these Christians experienced was because of persecution. New converts lost their jobs or businesses and were ostracized by their families and friends. Just as Jesus had predicted, they became the outcasts of Jewish society (John 16:2). Another reason for the Jerusalem church's poverty was the generally poor economic climate of the region.



The Romans extracted all they could from their conquered territories, seizing their resources and imposing a heavy burden of taxation. The result was rampant poverty in Israel. Adding to the region's economic woes was the worldwide famine predicted in Acts 11:27-29.

MacArthur New Testament Commentary, 2 Corinthians,
p.275









Vs. 5 Giving to others flow from giving yourself to God and when you do that, you won't struggle to give to others.



Vs. 6 Grace Acts



Vs. 7 God expects believers to excel in their character. God expects us to be growing in Christ, to be like Christ. Growth is not theoretical or on paper. It's in real life. It can be seen.



Vs. 8 Jesus people live by the law of love and not duty.



Vs. 9 what does giving look like?
What does grace look like?
What does pouring your life out look like?



It looks like Jesus. It looks like the Divine King of heaven becoming a human being, embracing need, living to give life to others. We are rich in Jesus because he embraced humility. He embraced suffering. He embraced loss so that we might win.



as poor, yet making many rich; as having
nothing, yet possessing everything.
2 Corinthians 6:10 ESV





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