

Freedom in Grace

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Grace

The Merriam Webster definition of grace is “(in Christian belief) the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.”

- **Titus 2:11-12, For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people.**
- **Romans 3:23-24, For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 12:8-9, Three times I (Paul) pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me (struggle). But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

My grace is sufficient for you...

- **my power is made perfect in weakness**

- Power (dynamis)

”power, strength, ability”

- **Christ’s power may rest on me**

- Rest (episkenoō)

“to fix a tent or habitation on”

God's grace provides salvation
(entrance into the Kingdom of God)
and Christ's empowerment
(to live from Christ's strength, ability).

Exodus 33:12-17

¹² Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me. Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’

Exodus 33:12-17

¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight. And consider that this nation *is* Your people.”

¹⁴ And He said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.”

Exodus 33:12-17

¹⁵ Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth.”

Exodus 33:12-17

¹⁷ So the LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”

12a Then Moses said to the LORD, “See, You say to me, ‘Bring up this people.’ But You have not let me know whom You will send with me.

Where do we find and experience Christ's empowerment (power, strength, and ability) through His grace?

In the impossible.

12 b “Yet You have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight.’

- Grace in My/Your sight – 5 times**
- “favor, acceptance” in God’s sight**

Where do we find and experience Christ's empowerment (power, strength, and ability) through His grace?

In Our Relationship with Him.

¹³ Now therefore, I pray, if I have found grace in Your sight, show me now Your way, that I may know You and that I may find grace in Your sight.

Where do we find and experience Christ's empowerment (power, strength, and ability) through His grace?

**In HIS WAY ... as God directs us,
we discover more of Him.**

¹⁴ And He (God) said, “My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest.”

- Rest (nuah) “to rest, settle down and remain”

Where do we find and experience
Christ's empowerment
(power, strength, and ability)
through His grace?

In His presence and through His rest.

- **¹⁵ Then he said to Him, “If Your Presence does not go *with us*, do not bring us up from here.**

Where do we find and experience
Christ's empowerment
(power, strength, and ability)
through His grace?

In Him. With Him.

16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except You go with us? So we shall be separate, Your people and I, from all the people who *are* upon the face of the earth.”

Where do we find and experience
Christ's empowerment
(power, strength, and ability)
through His grace?

In our identity in Christ.

17 So the LORD said to Moses, “I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name.”

It is because of God's grace...
we experience our relationship with God.

It is in our relationship with God...
that we experience God's grace.

Where do we find and experience Christ's empowerment (power, strength, ability) through His grace?

- In the impossible.
- In our relationship with Him.
- As God directs us, we discover more of Him.
- In His presence and through His rest.
- In Him. With Him.
- In our identity in Christ.