



The Pursuit of a Christian “I pursue” – Philippians 3:12

Grace upon Grace

John 1:16-17 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and reality came through Jesus Christ.

Justified by Faith not by Works

Galatians 2:16 And knowing that a man is not justified out of works of law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, we also have believed into Christ Jesus that we might be justified out of faith in Christ and not out of the works of law, because out of the works of law no flesh will be justified.

Acts 13:39 And from all the things from which you were not able to be justified by the law of Moses, in this One everyone who believes is justified.

Definition of Justification

“Justification is God’s action whereby He approves people according to His standard of righteousness. God can do this on the basis of the redemption of Christ.” (Romans 3:24, footnote 1, Recovery Version Study Bible)

Definition of Grace

“That which bestows or occasions pleasure, delight, or causes favorable regard” ... “the pleasure or joy [God] designs for the recipient...set in contrast with debt, Rom. 4:4, 16, with works, Rom. 11:6, and with law, John 1:17.” (*Vine’s Dictionary*) (Cf. Gen. 2:8, 9)

“Grace is God in His Trinity processed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension to be everything to us.” (*Life-study of Galatians*, Ch. 11, Living Stream Ministry)

“Grace is God enjoyed by man.” (John 1:17, footnote 1, Recovery Version Study Bible)

What Grace does for Us

Redemption | Regeneration | Indwelling | Ministering | Glorification | Eternal enjoyment

Philippians 4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. (Cf. “rejoice in the Lord” 3:1; “always rejoice” 1 Thes. 5:16)

Acts 16:25 And about midnight Paul and Silas [who were in stocks in prison after being beaten], while praying, sang hymns of praise to God; and the prisoners were listening to them.