

March 27th, 2022 — Grace WEEK 3
LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE, AND SERVE THE WORLD

Romans 7:14-25, John 16:33, 1 Corinthians 2:6, Romans 12:2

The struggle with sin is real, but not impossible to overcome when you have the very One that has overcome the world living on the inside!

Grace in the New Testament is in some respects one of its greatest words. It always means two things – God's favor and His blessing; His attitude and His action.

~W.H. Griffith Thomas

+After the cross, the word "charis" is now intensified to declare sinful man justified and set free.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NKJV

Grace is a proclamation. It is the triumphant announcement that God in Christ has acted and has come to the aid of all who will trust Him for their eternal salvation.

~Lawrence O. Richards

- +God's grace gives us the ability to live a sanctified holy life, one that is honorable to God.
- -Five ways that God's grace works in the life of a believer:
- **1. Saving Grace:** God's power and ability to justify us, forgive our sins, and make us new creatures in Jesus Christ. (**Ephesians 2:8-9**)
- **2. Sanctifying Grace:** God's power and ability to purify us and enable us to live holy lives in a corrupt world. (**Titus 2:11-12**)
- **3. Strengthening Grace:** God's power and ability to energize and inspire us to live victoriously, to reign over the challenges and circumstances of life. (**Romans 5:17**)
- 4. Sharing Grace: God's power and ability to meet our needs and take joy in giving to others.(2 Corinthians 9:8 NKJV)
- +We must have more faith in God's ability to lead us, than our ability to follow!
- **5. Serving Grace:** God's power and ability to serve Him and others with His divinely imparted gifts and aptitudes. (1 Peter 4:10)

*all verses taken from the New Living Translation unless otherwise noted.

