

# SCRIPTURE REFERENCE NOTES

## WOMEN IN THE WORD

### Fellowship Bible Church

## The Grace of God Revealed

Lesson 1

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**God is eternal.** There was never a time when God did not exist.

*Ps 90:2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

*Job 36:26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not; the number of his years is unsearchable.*

Since God is eternal **His attributes exist outside of creation** as well. He was a God of love before there were humans to love.

### **God of love - Shared among the Godhead**

1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love. The essence of who God is, is LOVE. We see from last week, that among the trinity there was love before creation.

*John 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.*

God wanted to extend that love beyond just the Godhead. So He made mankind.

### **God of glory - shared among the Godhead**

*John 17:5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.*

### **God of relationship - shared among the Godhead**

*John 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, (relationship - unity)*

God wanted to extend relationship beyond just the Godhead. So He made mankind

Read all of John 17 on your own time.

He is eternally Righteous  
He is eternally Holy  
He is eternally Immutable (unchanging)  
He is eternally Omnipotent (all powerful)  
He is eternally Omnipresent (present everywhere)  
He is eternally Omniscient (all knowing)

**There are some attributes of God that He was unable to share with the Godhead.**

### **God of GRACE, MERCY, FORGIVENESS and JUSTICE**

Grace = Unmerited favor

If God was going to display His grace, mercy, forgiveness or justice, He needed sinful people to offer them to.

**Grace was the plan from the beginning.** - God's plan before creation was to send Christ. God knew we would need a Savior.

*2 Tim 1:9 who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began.*

*1 Pet 1:18-20 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you*

*1 Cor 2:6-7 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

God's plan involved GOD carrying it out!  
He would not be leaving it up to man to fulfill His plan.  
He also didn't leave it up to man to figure out on his own.

God formulated a plan that would bring His creation (mankind) into a relationship with Himself that would be based on grace. Before Adam and Eve fell, grace was not displayed or needed. Mercy was not displayed or needed. There was no need for forgiveness or justice.

Psalm 147:1-11

Psalm 148

Ps 115:3 ...Our God is in heaven, He does whatever He pleases.

Ps 135:5-6...Yes, I know the Lord is great, and our Lord is superior to all gods. He does whatever He pleases in heaven and on earth, and in the seas and all the ocean depths.

What is God **pleased** to do? \_\_\_\_\_

**God did not offer us grace or save us reluctantly!!! He did it for the good pleasure of His will.**

Hebrews 12:2 *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

YOU are God's trophy of grace. And it pleases Him to offer grace!! It gives Him glory!!

Eph 2:4-7 *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might **show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us** in Christ Jesus.*

**God planned for grace, and it gives Him great pleasure to offer grace, because He is looking for relationship! NOT for repayment.**