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God Grace and YOU

Understanding and Utilizing God's GRACE

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Grace of God”

ACTS 20:24



What is GRACE

Old Testament Hebrew - chen- favor, gracious, pleasant, precious, well favored

New Testament Greek – charis – translated: grace, favor, thanks, pleasure

- **Divine favor, unmerited favor. The pleasure or joy God designs for the recipient**
- **Graciousness, divine influence upon the heart and its reflection in life**
- **That which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness.**
- **Good will, loving kindness, favor**
- **Merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence on souls:
Turns them to Christ,
Keeps, strengthens, and increases them in Christian faith, knowledge and affection.
Kindles them to exercise Christian virtues. (good works)**

GRACE from Genesis to Revelation!

Used 37x's in OT and 133x's in NT

Genesis 6:5-9

⁵ The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. ⁶ The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. ⁷ So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” ⁸ **But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.**

⁹ This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God.



In Old Testament, God's grace was on:

Noah- Genesis 6:5-9

Lot- Gen 19:20-23

Moses- Ex 33:12-21

Gideon-Judges 6:17

Hannah-I Samuel 1:18

The Remnant – Ezra 9:8

Those who walk upright-Psalms and Proverbs- Psa 84:11

House of David, inhabitants of Jerusalem- Zechariah 12:10

New Testament Grace=Charis used 133x's (almost 4x as much as OT)

First used in Luke 1:30

³⁰ But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found **favor** with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

Luke 2:40

⁴⁰ And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the **grace** of God was on him.

Luke 2:52

And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in **favor** with God and man

Jesus: the Key to God's GRACE

John 1:14-17

- ¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of **grace** and truth.
- ¹⁵ (John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) ¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received **grace** in place of **grace** already given. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses; **grace** and truth came through Jesus Christ.



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Words used with Grace:

- God
- Lord Jesus Christ
- Truth
- Believed
- Testify
- Righteousness
- Eternal life
- Gift
- Access by faith
- Rejoice in hope
- Glory of God
- Peace
- Throne
- Saved
- Bearing Witness
- Signs and Wonders
- Glad
- Encouraged
- Heart
- Wisdom
- Inheritance
- Sanctified
- Faith
- Love
- Strong
- Spirit
- Saints
- Obedience
- Mercy
- Thanksgiving
- Abound
- Know
- Communion
- Love of God
- Found

Words used in contrast to Grace:

- Sin
- Works
- Law
- Offense
- Died/death
- Wages
- Debt

What is Grace?

Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, ⁵ made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by **grace** you have been saved. ⁶ And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, ⁷ in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His **grace**, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For it is by **grace** you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast. ¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Who gives Grace?

Corinthians 1:3-4

3 **Grace** and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I always thank my God for you because of His **grace** given you in Christ Jesus.

5 For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge

Ephesians 4:7

Grace is given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

2John 3

3 **Grace**, mercy and peace from God the Father and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, will be with us in truth and love.



Who receives Grace?

Ephesians 6:24

²⁴ **Grace** to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Romans 4:16

¹⁶ Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by **grace** and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all.

1Peter 1: 2

² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: **Grace** and peace be yours in abundance.

How do you receive Grace?

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our *Lord Jesus Christ*, ² *through whom we have gained access by faith* into this **grace** in which we now stand.

Romans 5:15-17

¹⁵ But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's **grace** and the gift that came by the **grace** of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many!

Romans 5:20-21

²⁰ The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, **grace** increased all the more, ²¹ so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also **grace** might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

When do you need Grace?

Ephesians 1:3-10

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will ⁶ to the praise of his glorious **grace**, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's **grace** ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.



Why do you need Grace?

Hebrews 4:16-

¹⁶ Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of **grace**, so that we may receive mercy and find **grace** to help in time of need.

Romans 12:3-

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the **grace** given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Peter 4:10-

As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.



When do you use Grace?

1 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all **grace** abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Ephesians 3:7-8

I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God’s **grace** given me through the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am less than the least of all the Lord’s people, this **grace** was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ,

Grace and the Gospel

Acts 20:24

²⁴ However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s **grace**.

Acts 14:1-3

At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his **grace** by enabling them to perform signs and wonders.

Titus 2:11-14

¹¹ For the **grace** of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹² It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.



Amazing Grace by John Newton 1779

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

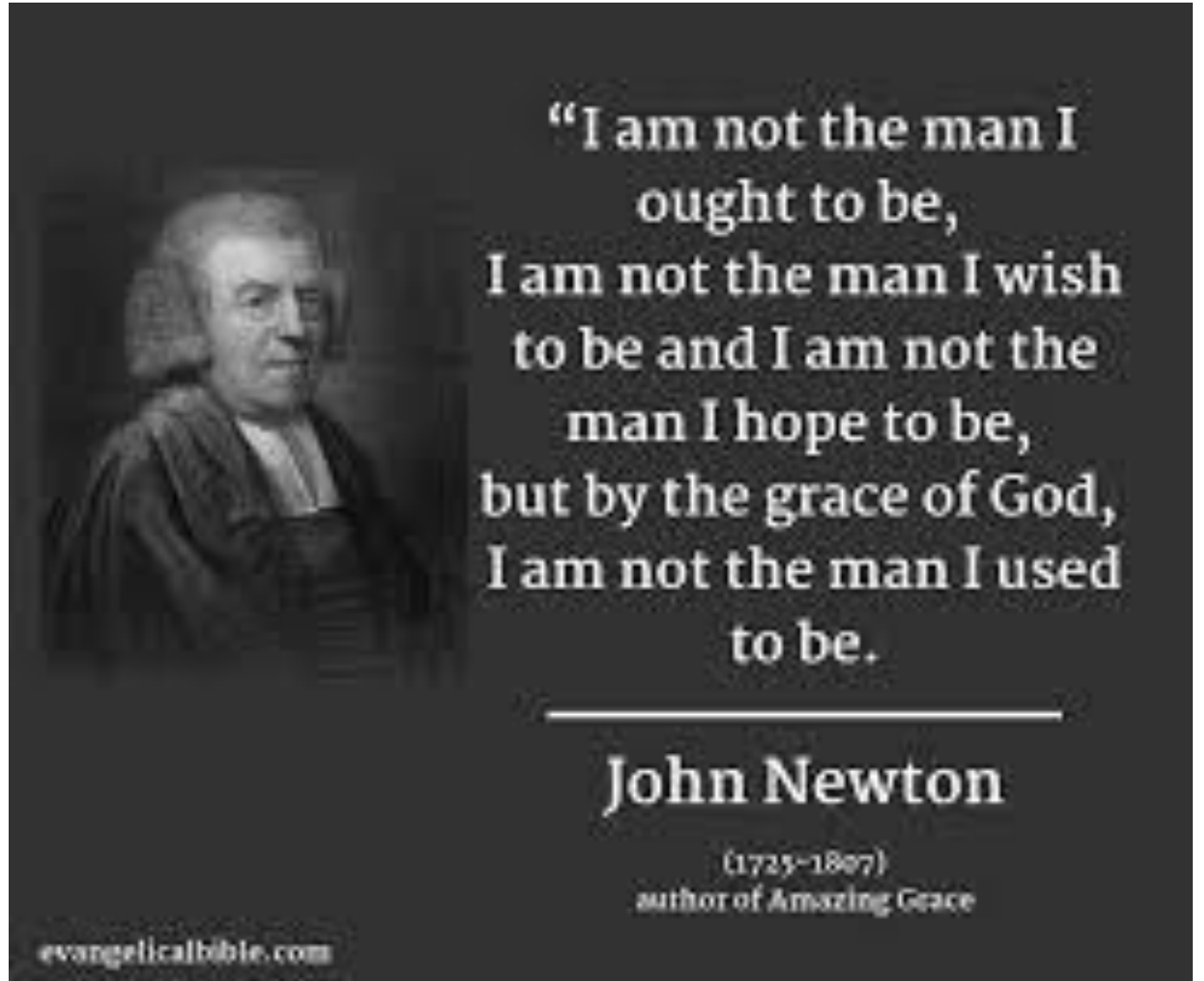
Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His Word my hope secures;
He will my Shield and Portion be,
As long as life endures.

Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess, within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine;
But God, Who called me here below,
Will be forever mine.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.



Final use of GRACE in the Bible:

Revelation 22:21 (the last verse in the Bible)

²¹ The **grace** of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.

Living in God's Grace

Grace and Salvation-grace delivers us from the power of sin no matter how great our sin, grace abounds

Grace and Life- The Grace that saves us is the grace that keeps us. To live the victorious Christian life day to day

Grace and ministry- Grace is not merely doctrine that explains our salvation, but is power in action that allows us to serve HIM. One of the ways God's grace is seen in our lives (after salvation) is in our service to HIM.

Grace and the Gospel- the Great Commission Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and holy spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age

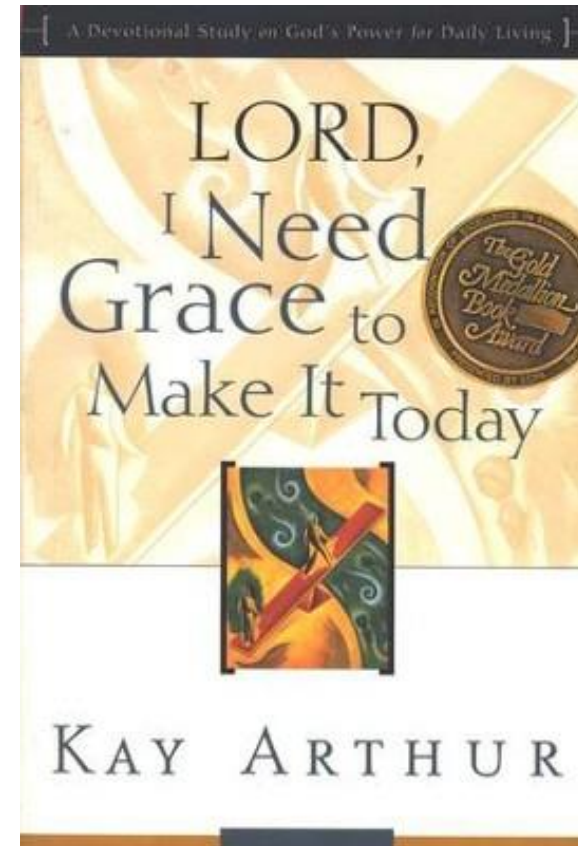


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