

GRACE

Part 1

STAY OUT OF THE DITCHES....

Legalism - lawlessness

Condemnation - no conviction

Worldly sorrow - no brokenness

Never can do right - Never can do wrong

Always fearful of judgement - No consequences to actions

Nothing outside the written word - Written word is secondary

TOTAL OBEDIENCE or hell - No obedience required.

2 Peter 1:2-4 Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,³ as His divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

There is a place called grace where everything you need is. It is a place where we will no longer struggle. It's a place where we

will have total provision and continual supply.

What Is Grace?

In reality, grace is simple to understand.

Grace is the favor of God that gives you access to the power of God for everything you need for life and godliness.

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2 PET 1:4 AMP 4 By means of these He has bestowed on us His precious and exceedingly great promises, ***so that through them you may escape [by flight] from the moral decay (rotteness and corruption) that is in the world because of covetousness (lust and greed), and become sharers (partakers) of the divine nature.***

DIVINE NATURE.....

Grace is not Mercy

Grace deals with favor for access, mercy deals with releasing us from judgment.

Grace is favor. That favor gives you access. Grace gives you the legal right to access the power of God for everything you need.

Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

None of us deserves access to God and His power. We are all only ever deserving of an everlasting hell, and yet, God has given us access to all that He is and has.

STORY - CORONA / YOUR SIN is WORTHY

Grace is the favor of God that gives you access to the power of God for everything you need. Grace gave me the favor of God to get access to His mercies, without which I could never survive.

Heb. 4:16... Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Without the grace (the favor) of God, we could never have access to the mercy of God.

God favored us while we were yet sinners. I want you to get this right now. God first released His grace before He was able

to extend to us His mercy.

Rom. 5:8 KJV *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

We didn't deserve the favor of God. We deserved hell.

He sent Jesus to die for us that we might have ACCESS to Him. With that access to Him, we now can receive mercy for all our sins. It is this access that comes to us undeserved and unearned, which has allowed us to be forgiven, cleansed, and made a new creation.

If God never gave us favor for access to His power, we could never be free, but would be bound for all eternity to death and destruction.

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The purpose of Satan in the Garden was to cause, through sin, man to no longer have access to the eternal power of God for everything we would need for life and godliness. He knew that if man sinned, we could no longer eat from the Tree of Life: the tree of total provision and continual supply.

Eph. 2:12-18 KJV *... that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in*

*ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. **For through Him we both have access** by one Spirit **to the Father.***

The grace of God gives back to us access to God's power for everything we need.

All the things we receive from God come to us through His grace.

You are saved through grace

Acts 15:11 KJV *But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.*

You believe through grace

Acts 18:27 KJV *And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he helped them much that had believed through grace.*

You receive your inheritance by grace

Acts 20:32 KJV *And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build [you] up, and to give*

[you] the inheritance among all them that are sanctified.

You obey by grace

Rom. 1:5 KJV through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name's sake;

We have been beat over our heads and told that we have to do this and do that, yet we find ourselves not able to obey. The Bible says through God's grace you receive the power to obey.

You stand by grace

Rom.5:2 KJV through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

You receive spiritual gifts by grace

Rom.12:6 KJV And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, [let us prophesy] according to the proportion of our faith;

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God so loved the world, that He made a choice. He gave. He gave Jesus, and the Bible says that God, who did not spare His own Son, would He not freely give to you and me all things.

God has Given to us All Things

2 Pet. 1:2-4 AMP May grace (God's favor) and peace (which is perfect well-being, all necessary good, all spiritual prosperity, and freedom from fears and agitating passions and moral conflicts) be multiplied to you in [the full, personal, precise, and correct] knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

3 For His divine power has bestowed upon us all things that [are requisite and suited] to life and godliness, through the [full, personal] knowledge of Him Who called us by *and* to His own glory and excellence (virtue).

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Everything that pertains to life, everything we need for life has been given to us: clothes, money, relationships, food, spiritual food, strength to stand against the devil, an ability to obey God, the power to cast out demons and heal the sick, everything we need for life and for godliness.

Don't tell me that you can't live godly, that you can't live for God, that you can't walk pure, that you can't keep yourself for

your husband or wife. Don't tell me that you can't avoid drugs, drinking, or ungodly music. You say, "Brother Steve, it's too hard." No, you don't understand. Everything we need for life and for godliness has been given to us through His divine power. Everything you need has been given to you already.

Grace Gives Us Access

Access is the key to getting power.

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