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**Grace is Deep and Broad**



# What is Grace?

- God's favor towards human beings.
- Unmerited favor of God towards mankind.
- Loving kindness or divine favor or that which gives joy.
- That which is a free gift.

**Grace is not a New Testament Idea**

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# Exodus 34:1-7 (NIV)

EXODUS 34:6-7

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**1 The Lord said to Moses, "Chisel out two stone tablets like the first ones, and I will write on them the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke.**



**2 Be ready in the morning, and then come up on Mount Sinai. Present yourself to me there on top of the mountain.**

**3 No one is to come with you or be seen anywhere on the mountain; not even the flocks and herds may graze in front of the mountain.”**

**4 So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the Lord had commanded him; and he carried the two stone tablets in his hands.**

**5 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the Lord.**

**6 And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness,**

**7 maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”**

**1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your unfailing love;  
according to your great  
compassion blot out my  
transgressions.**

**15 But you, Lord, are a  
compassionate and gracious God,  
slow to anger, abounding in love  
and faithfulness.**



**16 Turn to me and have mercy on me; show your strength in behalf of your servant; save me, because I serve you just as my mother did.**

**8 The Lord is compassionate and  
gracious, slow to anger,  
abounding in love.**

# Common v. Special Grace

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- **Sunshine**
- **Rain**
- **Vegetation**

**44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.**

**25 And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.**

# Special Grace



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# Gen. 15: God and Abraham

**1 After this, the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward."**

**18 On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates—19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, 21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."**

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**Where Do We Meet Grace?**

**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.**

**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.**

**Special Grace SAVES and SUSTAINS**



**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,**

**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.**

# Presence

Matthew 28:19-20

**19 Therefore go and make  
disciples of all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father  
and of the Son and of the Holy  
Spirit,**



**20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

**Word**

**16 Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.**

**17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

# Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer)

# Fellowship

**23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.**

**24 And let us consider how we  
may spur one another on toward  
love and good deeds,**



**25 not giving up meeting together,  
as some are in the habit of doing,  
but encouraging one another—  
and all the more as you see the  
Day approaching.**

# You cannot Earn Grace

Romans 5:8



**8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

# **You Cannot Exhaust Grace**

**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.**

**AMEN**