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*We want to know **WHO** God is, & what God is like!*

Philippians 3:10a I want to know Christ & experience the mighty power that raised Him from the dead...

Hebrews 1:3 The Son radiates God's own glory & expresses the very character of God, & He sustains everything by the mighty power of His command...

*God is infinitely perfect in all that He is & in all His ways.
Jesus is the almighty, boundless perfect, all-knowing, all-wise, all-loving, all joy, all grace, all peace, all good God!*

*A major challenge w/ the Church today is
our unworthy conception of who God is & what He is like.*

*Our walk w/ Jesus will only be as successful as how we **think about God***

***Kings Circle** will only be as great as our conception of God.*

We must know, & talk about what God is like. It'll strengthen our cause.

Romans 11:33 How great are God's riches & wisdom & knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand His decisions & His ways! 34 For who can know the Lord's thoughts? Who knows enough to give Him advice? 35 And who has given Him so much that He needs to pay it back? 36 For everything comes from Him & exists by His power & is intended for His glory. All glory to Him forever! Amen.

GOD'S GRACE

Grace is an incomprehensible, immense, & overwhelming attribute.

Grace & lovingkindness describe the Lord's character.

Grace is at the core of the Bible. It's a theme that connects nearly every book. God's grace flows from the essence of His being.

Let's discover the many nuances & expressions of the infinite goodness & favor of God.

Hebrews 4:16 Let us come boldly to the throne of our *gracious* God. There we'll receive His mercy & we'll find *grace* to help us when we need it most.

Grace is a free & undeserved gift of God.

Grace is the divine, unmerited love, goodwill & favor of God toward us.

Grace flows out of the goodness of God's heart.

God doesn't have grace, He is grace. He (& His grace) is infinite.

Grace is God's good pleasure. It's who God is & has always been like.

Genesis 6:8 NKJV But Noah found *grace* in the eyes of the Lord.

Exodus 33:17 The Lord replied to Moses, "I will indeed do what you have asked, for I look *favorably* on you, & I know you by name."

(NKJV - ...*you have found grace in My sight...*)

Grace flows from the kindness of God's own heart, His good will.

God is at all times gracious toward all people forever.

God is not hard. He is not mean. He has no resentment or ill will.

The grace of God holds back God's wrath & judgement.

God's grace is manifested in the person of Jesus Christ.

John 1:14b AMP ...glory as belongs to the One & only begotten Son of the Father, the Son who is truly unique, the only One of His kind, who is full of *grace* & *truth*...

16 For out of His fullness [the superabundance of His *grace* & truth] we have all received ***grace upon grace*** [spiritual blessing upon spiritual blessing, favor upon favor, & gift heaped upon gift]. **17** For the Law was given through Moses, but *grace* [the unearned, undeserved favor of God] & truth came through Jesus Christ.

Jesus is the channel through which God's grace flows!

God's Riches At Christ's Expense

Romans 3:24 Yet God, in *His grace*, freely makes us right in His sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when He freed us from the penalty for our sins.

Grace is getting what we don't deserve.

Mercy is not getting what we do deserve.

Romans 5:15 There is a great difference between Adam's sin & God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace & His gift of forgiveness to many through this other man, Jesus Christ. 16 And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right w/ God, even though we're guilty of many sins. 17 For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace & His gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin & death through this one man, Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:21b ...as people sinned more & more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. 21 So just as sin ruled over all people & brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules instead...

We did not earn our salvation or the right to be filled w/ the Holy Spirit. God's grace (Jesus) gave salvation to us as a free gift.

We are saved because God gave us Jesus. (salvation – grace)

Ephesians 1:2 May God our Father & the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace & peace... **6** We praise God for the glorious grace He has poured out on us who belong to His dear Son. 7 He's so rich in kindness & grace that He purchased our freedom w/ the blood of His Son & forgave our sins. 8 He has showered His kindness on us, along w/ all wisdom & understanding.

What we've done, or what we're doing, or what we are going to do has nothing to do w/ how we get born again. It's by God's grace alone that we are saved when we make Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2:7 God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace & kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united w/ Christ Jesus. 8 God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it's a gift from God. 9 Salvation is not a reward for the good things we've done, so none of us can boast about it.

If we could only remember God's grace & favor toward us sinners, maybe we would live more often in awe of His goodness, kindness & love.

Let's be vessels for God's grace to flow through & show through us.

2 Peter 1:2 May God give you more & more grace & peace as you grow in your knowledge of God & Jesus our Lord.

As sinners, we deserve to die in our sins, but God's grace gives us everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

By God's grace, as sinners, we're saved & reborn into the family of God. God offers eternal life to all who believe in His son, Jesus.

Father, I pray for all of us, that grace would abound toward us from Jesus. No one else. Grace alone. Your kindness, favor, & love in Jesus.