

SUFFICIENT GRACE

What is grace? Grace is “undeserved favor.” The grace of God is His granting of good things to those who only deserve punishment. The word sufficient means “adequate” or “enough.” Sufficient grace speaks of the grace of God that grants salvation, preservation, and everything else that the believer needs in this life and in the life to come.

Grace is an essential part of God’s character. Grace is closely related to God’s kindness, love, and mercy. Grace can be variously defined as “God’s favor toward the unworthy” or “God’s kindness on the undeserving.” In His grace, God is willing to forgive us and bless us abundantly, in spite of the fact that we don’t deserve to be treated so well or dealt with so generously.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 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.

3 truths about grace that are essential for our lives...

1) We must understand that grace is a free gift

Eph. 2:8(TPT)- “For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him. Nothing we did could ever earn his salvation, for it was the gracious gift from God that brought us to Christ!

We will run ourselves ragged like chickens with our head cut off if we try to do things to earn God's grace. Grace was never designed to be something that we earn. Grace was always meant to be an avenue by which we can sit at Jesus' feet for the rest of our lives. It was meant to be a way where we can have free access to the throne of God to approach him with the things that are on our heart and mind. It's because of grace that our access to him will always be approved!

Card denied at gas station

2) His grace has brought you where you are today

1 Corinthians 15:10(TPT)- But God's amazing grace has made me who i am! And his grace to me was not fruitless. In fact, I worked harder than all the rest, yet not in my own strength but God's, for his empowering grace is poured out upon me.

God knows your past. He was there with you every step of the way, whether you acknowledged him or not. He's brought you to where you are today, by his grace, so that you can be used to minister to others around you. Not because you're a perfect person or because you have everything put together and lined up. He wants to use you in spite of what your past may look like because you're perfect for the work he's called you to.

The beauty of grace is that we get to come as we are and he does the work to get us where he wants us to be.

Thief on the cross

Luke 23:40-43(NIV) 40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.” 42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.[a]” 43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

3) Grace is the reason behind every deliverance

Psalm 44:3-8(NIV) 3 It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them. 4 You are my King and my God, who decrees[a] victories for Jacob. 5 Through you we push back our enemies; through your name we trample our foes. 6 I put no trust in my bow, my sword does not bring me victory; 7 but you give us victory over our enemies, you put our adversaries to shame. 8 In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.[b]

God’s glory is shown in every victory. He makes a way where there is no way. David in the lion’s den, Paul and Silas in prison, Jairus’ daughter, the woman with the issue of the blood, etc.

“Mamba mentality” (USA/Spain game)

God has given us the authority to freely approach his throne. The bible instructs us to approach his throne with confidence. We don’t need to have everything put together and be perfect. Just come with confidence!