

# ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: KEY TERMS OF SCRIPTURE

## GRACE

**Romans 3:23-24** *All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

**2 Corinthians 8:9** *For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.*

**2 Timothy 1:9-10** *[God] has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

1.) Based on the above passages, what is the meaning of grace? When did grace originate? What is its source?

2.) How did Jesus become poor so that we might become rich?

**Romans 11:5-6** *At the present time there is a remnant [of Israel] chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.*

**Ephesians 2:8-9** *For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

3.) Why is it important to understand that no one has merited or can merit grace?

**Romans 5:20** *Where sin increased, grace increased all the more.*

**Romans 6:1-2** *What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?*

**Titus 2:11-12** *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.*

4.) What comfort does God want us sinners to find in his grace? How does our sinful nature seek to twist God’s grace?

5.) What power does grace impart to us?

6.) In one sense grace and works are mutually exclusive. In another sense they go together. Explain.

**2 Peter 3:18** *Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

7.) The Bible urges us to grow in grace. How do we do that?

**2 Corinthians 12:9** *[The Lord] 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.*

8.) Grace can also refer to something beyond God's forgiveness. To what does grace refer in the above passage? Give examples of that kind of grace in your life or the lives of Christians you know.

Closing Prayer: *Gracious Savior Jesus, we thank you for your favor to us, which we confess we do not deserve. Enable us to demonstrate your grace in our kind actions toward others, and enable us to proclaim your grace wherever there are people who don't know it Amen.*