

# The Grace of God

Lesson for Sunday, July 13, 2025

## INTRODUCTION:

- ⇒ What's one thing you have that you just cannot live without? Have some fun with this discussion...
- ⇒ When we have a biblical understanding of who we really are we will recognize that we all need the grace of God. In fact, we cannot live without it.

## BIBLE STUDY:

1. The Grace of God
  - a. How would you define grace? Most often we hear that grace is God's unmerited favor, freely given to undeserving people.
  - b. Tozer defines grace as the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving.
  - c. Last week we looked at God's mercy and said that we are recipients of His mercy when He withholds what we deserve.
  - d. Grace is similar in its meaning. Grace is when God gives us something (as opposed to withholding) that we do not deserve.
2. The Need for God's Grace
  - a. Why do we need God's grace? Look up the following verses as a class to see why we are in such great need.
  - b. Ephesians 2:1-3. Without God's grace we are hopelessly separated from God and spiritually dead in our sin.
  - c. Romans 5:10a. We are actually hostile to God and considered His enemy.
  - d. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4. We are blinded by Satan and held captive by him to do his will (2 Timothy 2:24-26).
  - e. John 8:34. We are powerless to overcome sin's hold on our lives.
  - f. 1 Corinthians 2:14. We are unable to understand the things of God.
  - g. Romans 3:9-12. We are unable to please God or to walk in His way.
  - h. John 15:4-6. We are incapable of living a spiritually fruitful and meaningful life.
  - i. Not a pretty picture, is it? Without God's grace, we are without hope.
3. The Channel of God's Grace
  - a. God's grace and mercy must be balanced with His holiness and justice. God cannot simply excuse our sinfulness – He must remain just in all His ways.
  - b. The channel through which God's grace flows out to men is Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. If you have experienced the grace of God, it is because of Jesus.
  - c. See Romans 5:15.
    - i. Notice that grace is a gift (undeserved).
    - ii. Notice that the gift of grace came from one – Jesus Christ.

- iii. Notice that the gift of grace has “abounded unto many” – it is available for all.
  - d. Jesus, in His death, satisfied God’s holiness and justice, and makes God’s grace available to anyone who would receive it.
4. The Nature of God’s Grace
- a. Grace is God’s initiative: We are helpless without the Lord. It is God Who took the initiative to make grace a reality (John 1:14-16; Titus 2:11).
  - b. God’s grace is unearned: We cannot work for it or deserve it (Romans 3:23; Ephesians 2:8-9).
  - c. God’s grace is abundant and overflowing: “Grace upon grace” is given to us through Christ (John 1:16).
  - d. God’s grace is available to all: Read Titus 2:11 and pay attention to “all.”
  - e. No sin is beyond God’s grace: Where sin increased, grace increased all the more (Romans 5:20).
  - f. God’s grace is the foundation for forgiveness, redemption, and new life (Ephesians 1:7; Titus 2:14).
  - g. Do you understand why we so often sing, “Amazing Grace”?
5. The Effects of God’s Grace
- a. God’s grace saves: It brings us from death to life (Ephesians 2:4-5).
  - b. God’s grace transforms: It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and empowers us to live upright, godly lives (Titus 2:12).
  - c. God’s grace sustains: God’s grace is sufficient for every need and empowers us for service and generosity (2 Corinthians 9:8).

APPLICATION: Our response to God’s grace...

- ⇒ Receive it: Come to Christ in repentance and faith, recognizing we bring nothing but open hands.
- ⇒ Give thanks: Let gratitude for grace fuel our worship and obedience (2 Corinthians 9:15).
- ⇒ Live it out: Be zealous for good works, living as God’s special people, set apart and eager to do good (Titus 2:14).
- ⇒ Share it: Extend grace to others, just as God has shown grace to us.

CLOSING THOUGHT:

- ⇒ Read 2 Corinthians 9:14-15
- ⇒ “Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!”