

THE BIBLE WORD SERIES

A Brief Study of those Important Words found in the Bible that we need to understand, not just skip over.

THE GRACE OF GOD

*In Hebrew, "grace" means "a Holy God bending down in kindness to sinful man".
In Greek, "grace" means "a Holy God granting favor, power & blessing to a sinful, undeserved, helpless, and hopeless man".*

1. What word(s) are used to describe "grace" in Luke 1:28 & 30 for Mary?
Luke 1:28,30 The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you. Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

2. What word(s) are used to describe "grace" in Luke 2:52 for Jesus?
Luke 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.

3. What word(s) are used to describe "grace" in Acts 7:46 for David?
Acts 7:46 God drove out the Gentiles by Joshua from before the face of our ancestors until the days of David who found favor with God ...

4. What different word is used to describe "grace" for all of us in Eph. 1:6?
Ephesians 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

5. What different word(s) are used to describe "grace" for all of us in Rom. 5:16?
Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

6. How is "grace" described for all of us in Romans 6:23?
Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As you can see, "grace" means: "received **favor** from a Holy God"
"accepted into the family of a Holy God"
"given the **gift** of God's perfect **righteousness**"
"given the **gift** of **eternal life**"

"Grace" is not a new concept. All through the history of mankind, people have relied on "grace" to survive. It was called "favor" back then.

7. Mankind does not treat each other with fairness & justice. Yes No
8. Employers take advantage of employees sometimes. Yes No
9. Countries who control other nations can be ruthless & evil. Yes No
10. People who do not fit into a group can be fearful & at risk. Yes No
11. Parents can raise their children with anger & oppression. Yes No

We need "grace" to survive in this world. We are at the mercy of sinful, imperfect people all around us. We have no power, no control, no authority, no rights.

12. When we hurt someone physically or verbally, will they always forgive us? ___Y ___N
13. When I make a mistake, will people forget it and move on? ___Y ___N
14. If my reputation is known to be bad, will people accept me in their lives? ___Y ___N
15. When I fail at something, will my friends always help me try again? ___Y ___N

GRACE IS A BASIC NEED OF MAN. WE CAN'T SURVIVE WITHOUT.

16. Match who needed "grace" (favor) in the Old Testament with the verses.

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| a. Genesis 18:3 | ___ | Esther needed grace (favor) from the king |
| b. Genesis 30:27 | ___ | Ruth needed grace (favor) from Boaz |
| c. Genesis 39:21 | ___ | Abraham needed grace (favor) from an angel |
| d. Exodus 11:3 | ___ | Jonathan needed grace (favor) from his father |
| e. Ruth 2:13 | ___ | Esther needed grace (favor) from all the people |
| f. 1 Samuel 20:29 | ___ | Joseph needed grace (favor) from the warden |
| g. 2 Samuel 15:25 | ___ | Israel needed grace (favor) from the Egyptians |
| h. Esther 2:15 | ___ | Laban needed grace (favor) from Jacob |
| i. Esther 5:2,8 | ___ | David needed grace (favor) from God |

ALL OF US NEED "GRACE" FROM GOD. GOD KNOWS THAT.

Jesus Christ is God and he came to earth for one reason. He became the sacrifice for our sin so that if we believe in him we won't be judged by our sin. This is called grace. It means that this offer of salvation is free so that we won't be charged. This is called grace.

17. Why do I need God's grace?

The only way to heaven is through the doorway of grace. You can't earn it, work for it or buy it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 For by grace you are saved through faith, and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

a. _____

Though we don't deserve it, God wipes our life clean by His grace.

Isaiah 43:25 I, even I, am He Who blots out your sins for my own sake; and I will not remember your sins.

b. _____

God will never ask you to do anything He doesn't give you the ability and the power to do. That power & ability is "grace".

Philippians 2:13 For it is God Who works in you to accomplish His will and His good pleasure.

c. _____



GOD'S GRACE = GOD'S FAVOR & APPROVAL OF WHO I AM
GOD'S GRACE = GOD'S FORGIVENESS OF WHAT I'VE DONE

GRACE = THE CHARACTER OF GOD THAT BUILDS BEAUTY IN US

Our relationship with Jesus is not a bunch of chores. It's enjoying what He has already done.

God has given each of us the ability to do something well, and we're to use those abilities to honor & serve Him.

We cannot lose our salvation because it's a gift of God. If you earned it, then you could lose it the moment you stop earning it. That's grace.

Matthew 11:28 *Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*

d. _____

Romans 12:6 *Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: to preach, to minister, to teach, to exhort, to give, to lead, to show mercy.*

e. _____

Jude 24 *Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you blameless before the presence of God with exceeding joy*

f. _____

God's grace = man is permitted to do nothing for his salvation until God has done everything He has planned & designed for our salvation.

Romans 12:2 *And do not be squeezed into the world's evil value system, but be changed by the renewing of your mind, that you may demonstrate & live out that good, acceptable, and perfect plan & will of God.*

g. _____

2 Peter 3:18 *But grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.*

h. _____

God's grace = the bridge (the cross) between a Holy God & sinful man

God's grace = Getting all of God in your life no matter when you start

Possibly, you know the song: "Not because of who I am,
But because of Who You are; = God's Grace
Not because of what I've done,
But because of Who You are."

Let's Review: *God's grace saves us from sin.
God's grace provides forgiveness for sin past, present, future.
God's grace gives us the power & ability to live for God.
God's grace changes our lives and helps us to grow.*

God's grace = God's presence in our lives 24/7 - we need the reminder.

18. How did Paul start most of his letters?

Romans 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Cor. 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

2 Cor. 1:2 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 1:3 *Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave Himself for our sins.*

You get the idea? _____

19. A Final Thought from Ephesians 1:3-12

a. "Blessed us with every _____ blessing"

b. "He _____ us in Him before the foundation of the world"

c. "By which He has made us _____ in the Beloved"

d. "In Him we have _____ through His blood"

e. "The _____ of sins"

Phil. 1:6 **"God Who began a good work in me will continue completing it until He returns."**