

# Grace

Where would we be today without the grace of God in our lives?

What would the end of mankind be without His grace?

When people first hear of the word grace, they are at a loss to describe it.

**Here are 10 questions we need to answer.**

1. **Grace** what is it?
2. Where did it originate and how does it affect us as Christians today?
3. Is it simply by design a gift of unmerited favor?
4. Do we as Christians have a working understanding of **grace**?
5. Is our definition that we have applied because of past teaching without studying it ourselves for the knowledge of its effects and the power of its resources?
6. How does **grace** affect our standing with the God of all eternity?
7. How does **grace** affect our yesterday, our today and our tomorrow?
8. When is it active upon our lives and in our heart?
9. Can it be quenched, stopped or hindered?
10. What does **grace** do to the commandments of God?

But a true understanding of Grace will take you further than the use of the noun.

It will take you from *the person of Grace to the place of Grace*

- to the understanding of the action in the word called grace.
- **Yes**, Grace is used as a noun but it is *better understood at times as a verb*.

E.W. Bullinger in the appendix in the back of The Companion Bible says that Synonymous words for grace include; *three nouns, two verbs, and one adjective*.

Listed they are **Charis, Charisma, Euprpeia, Charizomat, Chrestos**.

Likewise The Strongs Concordance list **Charis** (khar'-ece) as ; from NT:5463; graciousness (as gratifying), of manner or act, **especially the divine influence upon the heart, and its reflection in the life**; including gratitude).

Acts 4:33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and **great grace was upon them all**.

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The Apostle Paul had an understanding of this when he penned Titus 2:11-14

**11** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

**12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

**14** Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Titus 2:11-14 KJV

The common definition of grace is that God closes his eyes, winks and says *I didn't see that!*

But biblically grace is a teacher, come to teach us a better way

Under the law - you could be judged immediately

The law called for sacrifice in some instances, and stoning in others.

But under Grace no one is stoned.

Through repentance our sins can be covered by the blood of Jesus Christ.

But all the time he is trying to teach us a better way - **12** Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;

**13** Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;

Allow the grace of God to become a teacher in your life, and if you will do that, you will not face the Judgment Throne in that day.

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