

Message 1: God's Grace For The Believer—1 The Profile Of Grace

Launching Text: John 1:16-17 And of His (Christ's) fullness have all we (the believers) received, and grace for grace. for the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Preaching Text: Psalms 84:11 For the Lord is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Introduction: Many times we talk about the GRACE of God and many who talk about it don't really know what it is and what it does for the believer. In this series we will examine GRACE and find it's benefits and learn how to use it in our lives so that we can enjoy the victory it brings. In this first message of this series we will look at the PROFILE OF GRACE.

**1. THE GRACE OF GOD AND ITS DEFINITION**

Hebrew=chen—pronounced khane---unmerited favor, good will, acts of kindness, help, clemency, pardon  
Greek=charis—pronounced khar-eece—unmerited favor, good will, acts of kindness, help clemency, pardon.

*GRACE encapsulates the action of God bestowing His blessings and goodness to the believer.*

2-Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your (or our) sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich.

**1. By God's Grace, He Wants Us Rich With His Presence.**

Heb 13:5 ...for He (Christ) said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.

**2. By God's Grace, He Wants Us Rich With His Purpose.**

Phil 2:13 For it is God which works in you (the believer) both to will and to do His good pleasure.

**3. By God's Grace, He Wants Us Rich With His Power.**

Luke 10:19 Behold I (Jesus) give you (the believer) power to tread on serpents & scorpions, over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**4. By God's Grace, He Wants Us Rich With His Provision.**

Phil 4:19 But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

**5. By God's Grace, He Wants Us Rich With His Peace.**

Jer 29:11 I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says God, thoughts of peace and not evil to give you an expected end (which is always victory).

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world gives, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

**6. By God's Grace, He Want Us Rich With His Pleasures.**

Psalms 16:11 Thou (O, Lord) will show us the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand are pleasures for ever more.

**2. THE GRACE OF GOD AND ITS DISTRIBUTION**

1-Cor 1:4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ.

**1. The Advocate Of God's Grace**

John 1:17 For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

**2. The Availability Of God's Grace**

Titus 2:11 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men....

Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift of grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, has abounded unto many (even all).

**3. The Accessibility Of God's Grace**

Eph 4:7 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Romans 5:2 (It is by Christ) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory (which is the abiding presence) of God.

**3. THE GRACE OF GOD AND ITS DUTY**

Acts 15:11 But we believe that through grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they (that is all other believing Jews and Gentiles).

**1. The Duty Of God's Grace In Salvation**

Eph 2:8 For by grace are you saved (from everything that is against you) through faith, and that not of yourselves: It is the gift of God:

**2. The Duty Of God's Grace In Justification**

Romans 3:24 Being justified freely by His grace though the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

**3. The Duty Of God's Grace In Appropriation**

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and grace to help (by God's appropriation) in time of need. (Power, Provision, Plenty)

**4. The Duty Of God's Grace In Compensation**

2-Cor 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your (or our) sakes He Became poor, that you through His poverty might be rich.

**4. THE GRACE OF GOD AND ITS DESTRUCTION**

Hebrews 12:14-15 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man (woman, boy, or girl) shall see the Lord: Looking diligently lest any fail of the grace of God: lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

**1. The Grace Of God Is Desecrated When We Refuse It**

1-Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of you mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;

**2. The Grace Of God Is Desecrated When We Ridicule It**

Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose you, shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood covenant wherewith he was sanctified, and unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

**3. The Grace Of God Is Desecrated When We Rakish it (live loosely and not walking in obedience to God).**

Jude 1:4 For there are certain men (women, boys, & girls) crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly ones, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness (inappropriate lust and worldly living), and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

**5. THE GRACE OF GOD AND OUR DECISION**

Revelation 22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

**1. By The Grace Of God, We Should Receive His Grace.**

*Receive Jesus and the grace He Has For Us.*

1-Peter 1:2 (God has voted for you and says) Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto the obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: grace unto you, and peace be multiplied.

**2. By The Grace Of God, We Should Rely On His Grace.**

Acts 20:32 And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the Word of His grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance (of all things) among them which are sanctified.

**3. By The Grace Of God, We Should Rev-up His Grace.**

2-Peter 3:18 But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen.

**4. By The Grace Of God, We Should Relay His Grace.**

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Col 4:6 Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer every man.

Acts 20:24 But none of these things (that I encounter) move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

**CLOSING:**

***THE CHOICE IS OURS!***