

## GRACE

"Grace" is the most common New Testament greeting or closing. (33 times)  
What is Grace?

We are called by grace. Gal 1:6,15 - 2 Tim 1:9

We are chosen by grace. Rom 11:5

We believe through grace. (can't even do that without God's help) Acts 18:27

We are saved by grace. Acts 15:11 - Eph 2:5

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

The gospel is founded on grace. Acts 20:24

We are under the reign of grace. (law vs. works - do vs. done) Rom 5:21, 11:6

**Romans 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.**

We are forgiven by grace. Eph 1:7

We are made righteous by grace.

**Romans 5:17 For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

We are justified by grace. Titus 3:7

**Romans 3:24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**

We are accepted by grace. (consider in light of God's perfection) Eph 1:6

God's grace is always greater than our sin.

**Romans 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,**

Grace is not a license to sin. (genuine faith = repentance) Rom 6:1 - Jude 1:4

**Romans 6:15-16 What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not! 16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness?**

*Discuss condemnation vs. conviction.*

**Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.**

Grace is available to everyone. (to teach us how to live well)

**Titus 2:11-12 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, 12 teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,**

Jesus was full of grace. Jn 1:4

Jesus ministered by grace. 2 Cor 8:9

Jesus died by grace. Rom 5:15 - Heb 2:9

Grace came through Jesus. Jn 1:7 - Rom 1:5 - 1 Cor 1:4

Grace has been given to all believers. Jn 1:16 - Phil 1:7

**Ephesians 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.**

Great grace was on the Apostles. (consider their change) Acts 4:33

Paul ministered by grace. (consider his intellect) Rom 12:3, 15:5 - 1 Cor 3:10, 15:10  
2 Cor 1:12 - Gal 2:9 - Eph 3:2, 7-8

We are established by grace. Heb 13:9

We stand by grace. (without grace we fall Pr 16:18 & Jms 4:6) 1 Pe 5:12

We are sustained by grace. Acts 14:26, 15:40

We serve by grace. Heb 12:28

We operate in different gifts by grace.

**Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them:**

Grace enables us to glorify God. (can't without His help) 2 Thes 1:12

Our consolation and hope are in grace. (not our plans, supports, strength) 2 Thes 2:16

**1 Peter 1:13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ;**

We must grow in grace. 2 Pe 3:18

We are to abound in grace. 2 Cor 8:7

We must continue in grace. Acts 13:43

We are to be strong in grace. (not self) 2 Tim 2:1

We can get more grace. (humility: need vs. self reliance) 1 Pe 5:5

**James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."**

We obtain grace through faith. Rom 5:2

There is an abundance of grace available. Rom 5:17 - 1 Tim 1:14

We are always given enough grace.

**2 Corinthians 9:8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.**

We are to ask boldly for grace.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The word of grace builds us up. Acts 20:32

We are to be responsible stewards of grace.

**1 Peter 4:10** As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

We can waste grace. (unused or misused; grace is given for a purpose)

**2 Corinthians 6:1** We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

We can set grace aside. (turn to our own strength) Gal 2:21

We can fall from grace. (Turn to justification by law/works)

**Galatians 5:4** You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

We can fall short of grace. (bitterness/unforgiveness: taking up an offense)

**Hebrews 12:15** looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

We are to impart grace to others. Col 4:6

**Ephesians 4:29-30** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. **30** And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

*Grace is the life that flows through the vine.*

**John 15:4-5** "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. **5** "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

*Everything we give God or do for God came from God first.*

**1 Corinthians 4:7** For who makes you differ from another? And what do you have that you did not receive? Now if you did indeed receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?