

Bible Study on Grace Part 2 6 Ways to Understand God's Grace

When I was a little boy before I believed in who God was, he wooed me with these kinds of graces: beautiful sunrises and sunsets, relaxing moments in God's glorious creation in nature and fun, laughter, and camaraderie with childhood friends. But He also lured me with thoughts that there was something more in life, something beyond the simple notion that God is good. Let's look at 6 areas where God shows us grace.

<u>God's Salvation Grace</u>- The best grace was given to us when God purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave us all our sins. This "unspeakable gift" was given to us when we believed in Christ's finished work on Calvary. We didn't work for it, and we certainly didn't deserve it. What an awesome God! 2 Corinth. 9:15; 2 Corinth. 12:9-10; John 1:16-17; Heb. 4:15-16.

<u>God's Numerous Grace</u>- I have sinned, I sin, and I will sin. You have sinned, you sin. And you will sin. Romans 7:15-25 paints a clear picture for all of us of God's numerous graces. With all our sin, God forgives us each time IF we repent. All sins, past, present, and future are forgiven after we believe in Christ. Matt. 18:21-22; 1 Tim. 1:12-20; Luke 17:4.

<u>God's Forgiveness Grace</u>- Not only are all our sins forgiven when we repent but we also gain a supernatural ability to forgive others of offenses they commit. God helps us to forgive little offenses, big offenses, and even previously unforgivable ones. Forgiving grace requires the strength of God because when we are left to our own thoughts, revenge, anger and/or depression are at the forefront of our minds. Forgiveness grace is a God-ordained thought. Col. 3:3; Dan. 9:9; Eph. 4:31-32; Isaiah 55:8.

<u>God's New Grace</u>- Each morning we have the glorious chance to begin again by God's new grace. If we made mistakes yesterday, we could start over with a clean slate. Each new day, hour, and breath is a chance for us to act better and display more and more of the fruit of the Spirit in our lives. Gal. 5:22-23; Lamentations 3:22-23; Psalm 30:4-5

<u>God's Freedom Grace</u>- God's grace gives us the freedom to forget about other people's opinions of us. We can learn to be the person that God created us to be. We don't need to impress other people. We just need to be faithful to the One who created us and loves us. This attitude helps us to know that we have nothing to prove to anyone but God. We are free to observe Him in Spirit and in truth! Psalm 119:45; Psalm 139:14; Gal. 5:1; 2 Corinth. 3:17.

<u>God's Future Grace</u>- God has promised to be always with us. His sweet Holy Spirit will counsel us and prompt us as we go through our days. Even when we go through our trials and tribulations, He is there to help each one of us get through them. We can take heart and know He has made us precious future promises that He can't break. The unknown is easier to go through when we have His hand to hold onto to. John 16:33; 1 Peter 1:13; Jer. 29:11; Philip. 1:6; Prov. 3:5-6