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## **GRACE**

**Grace defined: (Web.)** - \* To honor someone with one's presence.

- Simple elegance and refinement of movement.

**Grace defined: (Biblically)**- God's unmerited or undeserved favor. Grace cannot be earned by anyone or anything. It's freely given by God. Grace is also a part of God's character. Num. 4:16; 2 Chron. 30:9b; Ps. 103:8; 2 Corinth. 8:9; 1 Peter 5:10; Heb. 4:16

### **The Stages of Grace for the Believers**

1. **Common Grace**: Waking up in the morning, being in good health, being alive, your sight etc., indicates that God's common grace is at work. This is the type of grace that applies to everybody, believers, and non-believers alike. Matthew 5:45 illustrates how common grace works. Ps. 136:2; Ps. 145:8-9; Acts 14:16-17.
2. **Saving Grace**: By grace we have been saved through faith. This grace is a gift from God through Jesus Christ. You receive Saving grace after you believe and receive the Word of God through conviction. Saving grace is the grace that God imparts to His elect—those who receive Christ as Lord and Savior to become born-again. God has chosen some to be saved out of His sovereign good pleasure. Yet he also gives each person the freedom (free will) to choose Him or the world. Eph. 2:8-9; Eph. 2:4-5; Titus 2:11-12; 2 Tim. 1:9; Rom. 3:23-24; Rom. 5:21.



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- 3. Sanctification Grace:** This is the molding stage. After you have accepted the Saving grace, the work of sanctification begins to purify you from your former habits (sins). It is here that Condemnation and Conviction start to manifest. Condemnation is a weapon of the devil. It is a harsh pronouncement of judgement and guilt so that you get discouraged and think you are unforgivable or unworthy of God's grace. Conviction of the Holy Spirit is Jesus assuring you of His love and the fact that you are now a new being free from condemnation. Rom. 8:1; Heb. 10:10; Heb. 2:11; Rom. 6:6; 2 Corinth. 5:17; 2 Thess. 2:13.
  
- 4. Serving Grace:** In order to serve, you must first be molded (sanctified). Purpose in your heart to comply with the Holy Spirit and Jesus in your walk. Accept sanctification and that's how you will be entrusted with a gift of service. The same God entrusts to believer's different roles in the Body of Christ through the same grace. Paul uses the analogy of a human body to illustrate the works in the kingdom of God that shows just how important each part is. No gift of grace is too small to serve. 1 Corinth. 12:21,25,27; Eph. 4:11-12; Col. 3:23-24; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; Mark 10:42-45; John 13:12-15; mark 9:34-35.
  
- 5. Lifestyle of Grace:** Lifestyle grace is living the Christian life consistent with God's grace. Not only is grace the core and basis for our initial salvation (justification), it is also the core and basis of our growth (sanctification). By God's grace we are born into His family and by God's grace we are free to grow as His children. Matt. 6:14; Matt. 18:21-22; 2 Corinth. 12:9; Ps. 23:6; 1 Peter 1:13.