



**Grace is a dramatic statement** about the human condition. Each person is helpless, trapped in sin and incapable of pleasing God or winning his favor.

**Grace is a proclamation...** the triumphant announcement that God in Christ has acted and has come to the aid of all who will trust him for their eternal salvation.

**Grace is a way of life.** Relying totally on Jesus to work within us, we experience God's own unlimited power, vitalizing us and enabling us to live truly good lives.

**Grace is the gratitude appropriate to what God has done.** Therefore, we decisively reject any confidence in ourselves as we entrust ourselves to God and rejoice in Him... who declares and makes us righteous in and through Christ.

**God's grace is given to a person throughout life...**

\* **LEADING GRACE** - our very first faint desire for God that He initiates in us - by which we are convicted of our sin, have regret for our sins and so turn from sin to God in repentance. Rom 2:4 - "*God's kindness leads you toward repentance.*"

\* **SAVING GRACE** - by grace God assists us to believe on Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins. By grace through faith God forgives us and declares us to be without guilt. By grace we are regenerated/ reborn into life in Christ. By grace we are cleansed of our bent to sin brought on by all the acts of sin we have committed - thereby freeing us of our bondage to sin. By grace we are reconciled to God because when God forgives us, absolves our guilt and give us new life in Christ, His holiness is no longer offended, and He no longer has righteous wrath toward us, but is now "for" us ("pro"pitious/ favorable toward us) because Christ's atonement is applied to us personally. 1 Jn 2:2 - "*He (Jesus Christ the righteous) is the propitiation (atoning sacrifice that satisfies) for our sins.*" And by grace we are now adopted into God's family as His child. Rom 8:16 - "*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.*"

\* **SANCTIFYING GRACE** - by grace God cleanses not just the acts of sin we have committed - but also the depravity of our sin nature as descendants of Adam. By grace God assists us to yield ourselves to God completely to be used where and how He desires. By grace God gives us the faith to be sanctified completely so that our whole spirit and soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

\* **GLORIFYING GRACE** - by grace our souls will be clothed with an imperishable and immortal body at the coming of Jesus Christ and we shall be like Him.

\* **MEANS OF GRACE:** prayer, the reading and study of the Bible, The Lord's Supper, Baptism, spiritual disciplines, the fellowship of believers gathered together in Jesus' name...

**Ephesians 2:1-10** - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— <sup>3</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>4</sup> But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not a result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

In salvation we are ultimately being saved from the j\_\_\_\_\_ and w\_\_\_\_\_ of God.

\_\_\_\_ **different times** Jesus warns of the coming judgment (Mt 12:36; Jn 12:48)

\_\_\_\_ **times** Paul warns of judgment day (Rom 2:3&5; 2 Cor 5:10)

\_\_\_\_ **times** the writer of Hebrews tells of the coming judgment (9:27)

\_\_\_\_ **times** James warns of judgment (5:9)

\_\_\_\_ **times** Peter writes about the day of judgment (2 Pt 3:7)

\_\_\_\_ **times** John and Jude tell of God's judgment that will *convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way.* (Jude v.15)

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**Q.** How long will God continue to warn the world of His coming judgment?     **A.** until that very d\_\_\_\_\_

*The Lord is not slow to fulfill His promise as some understand slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.* (2 Peter 3:9)

How can anyone continue to go against God by continuing to sin and satisfy their own desires?

How can anyone continue to resist the grace and patience of God?     Do we?

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**Jeremiah 40-44 serves as both a lesson and a warning to us!**

\* **40:1-41:15 - Grace Received**

→ Johanan -- "the Lord has been gracious"

\* **41:16 - 44:30 - Grace Resisted**

\* **42:18-22 and 44:11-14 - *Grace given by way of warnings***

\* **44:24-28 - *Disaster pronounced on the Judean remnant living in Egypt***

GOD GIVES GRACE RIGHT UP TO THE END ----- YET ALL THE WHILE PEOPLE/ WE RESIST

Prayer of confession and repentance - Acts 3:19-20