

# The Expectations of Grace

Ephesians 2:8 teaches that we are "saved by grace through faith, not of ourselves, it is the gift of God." Grace is a tough subject. It's hard to understand. It's harder to explain. And, what makes it so hard is that grace doesn't make sense to us.

The common definition of Grace is: "unmerited favor". What does that mean? \_\_\_\_\_

### What Makes Grace So Amazing?

1. Our track \_\_\_\_\_
2. God's other \_\_\_\_\_
3. What Jesus \_\_\_\_\_

### Things Said About Grace That are Not Accurate:

- Saved by Grace alone (grace only)
- Grace means a co-partnership with God (50/50 relationship)
- We say we believe in grace but we practice perfectionism

Misunderstanding Grace has led some to fear God because they are not good enough

- Grace means the details do not matter
- Under the O.T. no one could keep the law and neither can we (Deut 30:7-14)
- The sinlessness of Christ is imputed to us so that rather than seeing us, God sees the sinless Jesus (2 Cor 5:21)

- Faith is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God's gift
  - Without a condition, then all people are saved, regardless
- What we do is not to earn or win God's love...It is \_\_\_\_\_ God loves us that we do what He says Titus 2:11-12
- Because of grace I can have \_\_\_\_\_ about Heaven (2 Tim 4:8; 1 Tim 1:15)

### Examples of Grace in the N.T.

- forgiveness offered to the crippled man (Mk 2:4-5)
- thankful leper (Lk 17:15-19)
- thief on the cross (Lk 23:43)
- the prodigal son (Lk 15:20)

- A. Let's begin by understanding the word 'grace.'
1. The word grace is *charis* in the original language. It is often translated as gift or thanks Charis: 24x Romans (12x in Ephesians)
  - We sometimes use the word grace for prayer
    - Paul opened most of his letters using grace as a greeting
  - The word means \_\_\_\_\_. Kindness from Heaven.

### What is the opposite of grace?

- Grace is a gift offered by God (2 Cor 9:15)
  - the basis of this gift is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for us (Rom 5:8)
  - this gift is extended to all people (1 Jn 2:2)
  - it is extended because God wants all people to be saved (Lk 19:10; 2 Pet 3:9)



Where do works fit in?

Where does obedience fit in?

How does one fall short of God's grace (Heb 12:15)?



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