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Text: [Eph 2:8-9 KJV] 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Grace Defined

Grace Defined – To find favor or acceptance in the eyes of someone. Unmerited or undeserved favor.

Grace is a part of God's character.

BLB Definition - of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues

Grace Isn't Earned

God Gives us Grace Through Christ.

[Pro 3:34 KJV] 34 Surely he scorneth the scorners: but he giveth grace unto the lowly.

[Rom 3:24 KJV] 24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

[Act 15:11 KJV] 11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved, even as they.

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This Free Grace Changes Us

[2Co 5:17 KJV] 17 Therefore if any man [be] in Christ, [he is] a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

Bob Hoekstra: In all the ways that matter before God, "old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." The old guilt is replaced by new forgiveness. "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus...in whom we have...the forgiveness of sins" (Romans 8:1 and Colossians 1:14).

[Rom 8:1 KJV] 1 [There is] therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

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[Col 1:14 KJV] 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins:

The old foolishness is replaced by new wisdom. "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God...But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God" (1 Corinthians 3:19 and 1:30). The old unrighteousness is replaced with new righteousness. "All our righteousnesses are like filthy rags...For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (Isaiah 64:6 and 2 Corinthians 5:21). The old hope of changing (self-help) is replaced by new hope of changing (sanctification, God changing us). "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength...You are in Christ Jesus, who became for us...sanctification" (Jeremiah 17:5 and 1 Corinthians 1:30). This is grace upon grace.

This Free Grace is Great Grace.

[Act 4:33 KJV] 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.

[Psa 84:11 KJV] 11 For the LORD God [is] a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good [thing] will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

Jesus said in verse 34 of Luke 11 Our spiritual eye is like a lamp providing light for the body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light. When your eye is unhealthy, your body is filled with darkness. When you are walking in the Grace of God, your focus is on Christ. Then, Jesus warned us to make sure we are not deceived into thinking the light we have is not actually darkness. 36 If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light."

[Luk 11:34-36 KJV] 34 The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single [healthy], thy whole body also is full of light; but when [thine eye] is evil [unhealthy], thy body also [is] full of darkness. 35 Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. 36 If thy whole body therefore [be] full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light.

Grace enables us to move forward.

[Act 20:32 KJV] 32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

[2Co 9:8 KJV] 8 And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all [things], may abound to every good work:

Grace Frees us from Sin rather than allowing us to sin.

[Rom 6:15 KJV] 15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

[2Co 6:1 KJV] 1 We then, [as] workers together [with him], beseech [you] also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

God's Eyes Holds the Key to Grace

[Gen 6:8 KJV] 8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

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Moses Intercession: [Exo 33:13 KJV] 13 Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation [is] thy people.

[Exo 33:17 KJV] 17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name.

Lot Recognized he had found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

[Gen 19:19 KJV] 19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

Jesus Brings the Grace of God

[Jhn 1:14, 17 KJV] 14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. ... 17 For the law was given by Moses, [but] grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

[1Co 1:4 KJV] 4 I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Jesus Christ;

Jesus saw their Faith and Responded with Grace.

[Mar 2:5 KJV] 5 When Jesus saw their faith, he said unto the sick of the palsy, Son, thy sins be forgiven thee.

Possessed by Faith? You Get Grace!

Many possess Faith. But does your Faith possess you?

[Rom 5:1-2 KJV] 1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: 2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

[Heb 11:3 KJV] 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

[Heb 11:7 KJV] 7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

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Works outside of Faith in God is useless

[Rom 4:4, 16 KJV] 4 Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. ... 16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the

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seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,

Those who rebel have no faith.

[Deu 32:20 KJV] 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will see what their end [shall be]: for they [are] a very froward generation, children in whom [is] no faith.

Some depart from Faith

[1Ti 4:1 KJV] 1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

Some deny Faith

[1Ti 5:8 KJV] 8 But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.

Some have little Faith

[Mat 6:30 KJV] 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, [shall he] not much more [clothe] you, O ye of little faith?

[Luk 12:28 KJV] 28 If then God so clothe the grass, which is to day in the field, and to morrow is cast into the oven; how much more [will he clothe] you, O ye of little faith?

Some have Great Faith

[Mat 8:8-10 KJV] 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this [man], Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth [it]. 10 When Jesus heard [it], he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

Be Filled.

[Act 6:5, 8 KJV] 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: ... 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and miracles among the people.

Grace Resources

Grace Brings wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety (correct religious and moral behavior), and fear of the Lord.

Grace of Wisdom

[Eph 1:3, 18 KJV] 3 Blessed [be] the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly [places] in Christ: ... 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

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Grace of Understanding

[Gal 5:4 KJV] 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.

[Luk 10:22 KJV] 22 All things are delivered to me of my Father: and no man knoweth who the Son is, but the Father; and who the Father is, but the Son, and [he] to whom the Son will reveal [him].

Grace of Counsel

[Act 13:43 KJV] 43 Now when the congregation was broken up, many of the Jews and religious proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

Grace of Fortitude (Strength of Mind)

[2Co 12:9 KJV] 9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Grace of Knowledge

[Gal 2:21 KJV] 21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness [come] by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

[Eph 1:7 KJV] 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;

Grace of Fear of God

[Luk 12:4-5 KJV] 4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Sanctifying Grace

[1Pe 1:2 KJV] 2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

Serving Grace

[1Pe 4:10-11 KJV] 10 As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 If any man speak, [let him speak] as the oracles of God; if any man minister, [let him do it] as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.