

JESUS IS ENOUGH
His grace is enough

Shofar Tableview
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God's grace is enough

- ⁹ And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12)
- Grace is God's unmerited favour

What is grace

- Grace= God giving us what we do not deserve
- Mercy= God not giving us what we do deserve
- Grace = God's riches at Christ's expense

Our stories of grace

- **We were all saved by grace**
 - For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast (Ephesians 2:8-9)
- **What we are today is by God's grace**
 - ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God *which was* with me. (2 Corinthians 15:10)



Grace in the Bible

- **Old testament**

“Now, therefore,” says the Lord,
“Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”
So rend your heart, and not your garments;
Return to the Lord your God,
For He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and of great kindness;
And He relents from doing harm. (Joel 2:12-14)

Grace in the Bible

- **New testament**

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. (John 1:17)

Jesus never spoke about grace: He was grace.
Everything he taught and did was grace

God's grace is enough: for our mountains and thorns

- ⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to [\[b\]](#) buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. (2 Corinthians 12)
- The mountains melt like wax at the presence of the Lord, (Psalm 97:5)

Grace multipliers

- but **grow in the grace** and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
(2 Peter 3:18)
- **Grace** and peace be **multiplied** to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord
(1 Peter 1:2)

1. Walk uprightly

For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield;
The LORD will give grace and glory;
No good *thing* will He withhold
From those who walk uprightly. (Psalm
84:11)

2. Acknowledge our weakness/inability

- ¹² The Angel of the Lord appeared to him and said, “Mighty soldier, the Lord is with you!”
- ¹⁴ “I will make you strong! Go and save Israel from the Midianites! I am sending you!”
- ¹⁵ **But Gideon replied, “Sir, how can I save Israel? My family is the poorest in the whole tribe of Manasseh, and I am the least thought of in the entire family!”**
- ¹⁶ Whereupon the Lord said to him, “But I, Jehovah, [\[a\]](#) will be with you! And you shall quickly destroy the Midianite hordes!” (Judges 6, TLB)

3. Confess our sins

- So rend your heart, and not your garments;
Return to the Lord your **God**, For
He *is* gracious and **merciful**, Slow to anger,
and of great kindness; And He relents from
doing harm.

(Joel 2:13)

4. Be humble/go low

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:
“God resists the proud,
But gives grace to the humble.”

(James 4:6)

5. Ask for grace

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

(Hebrews 4:16)

6. Be merciful

With the merciful You will show Yourself
merciful;

With a blameless man You will show
Yourself blameless;

With the pure You will show Yourself
pure;

(Psalm 18:25-26)

Grace killers

You have become estranged **from** Christ,
you who *attempt to* be justified by law;
you have **fallen from grace**.

(Galations 5:4)

1. Unforgiveness

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

(Matthew 6: 14-15)

Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled

(Hebrews 12:14-15)

2. Legalism

. ³ Then the scribes and Pharisees brought to Him a woman caught in adultery. And when they had set her in the midst, ⁴ they said to Him, “Teacher, ^[b] this woman was caught in adultery, in the very act. ⁵ Now ^[c] Moses, in the law, commanded us ^[d] that such should be stoned. But what do You ^[e] say?” ⁶ This they said, testing Him, that they might have *something* of which to accuse Him. But Jesus stooped down and wrote on the ground with *His* finger, ^[f] as though He did not hear.

⁷ So when they continued asking Him, He ^[g] raised Himself up and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him throw a stone at her first.” ⁸ And again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ Then those who heard *it*, being ^[h] convicted by *their* conscience, went out one by one, beginning with the oldest *even* to the last. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

¹⁰ When Jesus had raised Himself up ^[i] and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, “Woman, where are those accusers ^[j] of yours? Has no one condemned you?”

¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.”

And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go ^[k] and sin no more.”

(John 8)

We should be channels/stewards of grace

. Freely you have received, freely give. (Matthew 10:8)

For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; (Luke 12:48)

As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

(1 Peter 4:10)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound



Grace towards others is

- Washing their feet not their heads
- Seeing them through; not seeing through them
- Giving them peace of Christ; not a piece of our mind

Grace is.....

- Grace is accommodating but does not compromise the truth
- Grace is not cheap
- Grace is unfair and only found in church
- Grace is overflowing from the heart; not calculated by the mind
- Grace does not judge or condemn but looks at the future
- Grace is sweet, fragrant, irresistible and attracts

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