



UPLOOK SUMMER BIBLE PROGRAM

WORD#5: GRACE

VIDEO: FILL IN THE BLANKS

GRACE

- 3 Distinct Aspects -

1	The Condition of God's for His Creatures G O D	
2	"Gift" & "Grace" "GRACIOUS GIFTS" G O D	
3	ONLY THROUGH GRACE THAT WE U S	

God no longer deals with us as

He now deals with us as

Blank boxes for notes or definitions.

GRACE

Contrasts...

<i>Source of Salvation?</i>	NOT WORKS, BUT <i>Grace</i> , LEST MAN SHOULD
<i>Who Claims What?</i>	GOD IS NO MAN'S WE OWE GOD. THUS... <i>Grace!</i>
<i>Any Limits?</i>	MAN'S SIN ABOUND. GOD'S <i>Grace</i>
<i>Rule of Life?</i>	NOT SAVED TO RETURN TO LAW. <i>Grace</i> = A NEW

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GRACE, *charis*: (a) The condition of the heart of God moving in good will toward sinners; (b) the practical extending of merciful kindness to such individuals as a result; and (c) the benefits thus received as an unmerited gift from the gracious One. Grace is contrasted with “works” (Eph 2:8-9), “debt” (Rom 4:4), “offence,” that is, trespass, or abounding “sin” (Rom 5:15, 17, 20), and the “Law” (Gal 2:21; 5:4). It is the undeserved favor of God to sinners at the expense of Christ. “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...” (2 Cor 8:9).

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

1. In **Romans 5:15**, how is the free gift not like the offence? In what ways does the gift of God's grace through Christ give us blessings far beyond what we lost through Adam's sin?

2a. In **Romans 5:20-21**, notice the switch made in the comparison. If the last verse emphasized the blessing of grace being more in number than the damage, here the grace is more in nature. Fill in the lines to see the difference:

_____ **reigned in** _____ **BUT** _____ **reigns through** _____

2b. What if the second half of the equation had the opposite of sin reigning? How would we do then? Apart from grace in the equation, how would God righteously have to treat us?

3. See **2 Corinthians 8:9**. What does it look like when believers discover they can be lavish is using this grace?

4. In **2 Thessalonians 2:16**, the apostle links grace with hope. What if our hope of heaven was based on our performance? How does certain hope help us in our daily struggles?

Notice the cascade of descriptive terms used in the New Testament for God's grace:

But He gives _____ grace (**Jas 4:6**).

God is able to make _____ grace abound toward you (**2 Cor 9:8**).

In Him...redemption...forgiveness...according to the _____ of His grace (**Eph 1:7**).

We make known to you the grace of God _____ (**2 Cor 8:1**).

...good stewards of the _____ grace of God (**1 Pet 4:10**).

And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly _____ (**1 Tim 1:14**).

He might show the _____ riches of His grace (**Eph 2:7**).

And He said to me, "My grace is _____ for you" (**2 Cor 12:9**).

This grace was given...the _____ riches of Christ (**Eph 3:8**).

Of His fullness have we all received, and _____ upon _____ (**Jn 1:16**).



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THE FRUIT OF VINE'S STUDY...

Grace (*charis* — khar'-ece) has various uses, (a) objective, that which bestows or occasions pleasure, delight, or causes favorable regard; it is applied, e.g., to beauty, or gracefulness of person, Lk 2:40; act, 2 Cor 8:6, or speech, Lk 4:22, RV, "words of grace" (AV, "gracious words"); Col 4:6; (b) subjective, (1) on the part of the bestower, the friendly disposition from which the kindly act proceeds, graciousness, loving-kindness, goodwill generally, e.g., Acts 7:10; especially with reference to the Divine favor or "grace," e.g., Acts 14:26; in this respect there is stress on its freeness and universality, its spontaneous character, as in the case of God's redemptive mercy, and the pleasure or joy He designs for the recipient; thus it is set in contrast with debt, Rom 4:4, 16, with works, Rom 11:6, and with law, Jn 1:17; see also, e.g., Rom 6:14-15; Gal 5:4; (2) on the part of the receiver, a sense of the favor bestowed, a feeling of gratitude, e.g., Rom 6:17 ("thanks"); in this respect it sometimes signifies "to be thankful," e.g., Lk 17:9 ("doth he thank the servant?" lit., "hath he thanks to"); 1 Tim 1:12; (c) in another objective sense, the effect of "grace," the spiritual state of those who have experienced its exercise, whether (1) a state of "grace," e.g., Rom 5:2; 1

Pet 5:12; 2 Pet 3:18, or (2) a proof thereof in practical effects, deeds of "grace," e.g., 1 Cor 16:3, RV, "bounty" (AV, "liberality"); 2 Cor 8:6, 19 (in 2 Cor 9:8 it means the sum of earthly blessings); the power and equipment for ministry, e.g., Rom 1:5; 12:6; 15:15; 1 Cor 3:10; Gal 2:9; Eph 3:2, 7.

To be in favor with is to find "grace" with, e.g., Acts 2:47; hence it appears in this sense at the beginning and the end of several Epistles, where the writer desires "grace" from God for the readers, e.g., Rom 1:7; 1 Cor 1:3; in this respect it is connected with the imperative mood of the word *chairo*, "to rejoice," a mode of greeting among Greeks, e.g., Acts 15:23; Jas 1:1 (marg.); 2 Jn 1:10-11, RV, "greeting" (AV, "God speed").

The fact that "grace" is received both from God the Father, 2 Cor 1:12, and from Christ, Gal 1:6; Rom 5:15 (where both are mentioned), is a testimony to the deity of Christ. See also 2 Thess 1:12, where the phrase "according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ" is to be taken with each of the preceding clauses: "in you", "and ye in Him." — *Vine, W. E., Entry for 'Grace'. Vine's Expository Dictionary of NT Words.* Visit <https://www.studylight.org/dictionaries/ved/g/grace.html>. 1940

OTHER HELPFUL QUOTES

"Our Lord Jesus is ever giving, and does not for a solitary instant withdraw His hand...the rain of His grace is always dropping, the river of His bounty is ever-flowing, and the wellspring of His love is constantly overflowing. As the King can never die, so His grace can never fail."

— *C. H. Spurgeon*

"As we apprehend God's grace, we have ever lower thoughts of self and higher thoughts of Christ."

— *H. A. Ironside*

"Grace is but glory begun, and glory is but grace perfected." — *Jonathan Edwards*



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SOME MORE HELPFUL QUOTES

“Grace is the good pleasure of God that inclines Him to bestow benefits upon the undeserving. It is a self-existent principle inherent in the divine nature and appears to us as a self-caused propensity to pity the wretched, spare the guilty, welcome the outcast, and bring into favor those who were before under just disapprobation.

“Its use to us sinful men is to save us and make us sit together in heavenly places to demonstrate to the ages the exceeding riches of God's kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

– A. W. Tozer

Click on link below to read the chapter:

<http://www.worthychristianlibrary.com/aw-tozer/knowledge-of-the-holy/chapter-19-the-grace-of-god/>

“Christians do not practically remember that while we are saved by grace, altogether by grace, so that in the matter of salvation works are altogether excluded; yet that so far as the rewards of grace are concerned, in the world to come, there is an intimate connection between the life of the Christian here and the enjoyment and the glory in the day of Christ's appearing.”

– George Mueller

“Grace is God's unmerited favor to those who have merited the very opposite. Repentance is the sinner's recognition of and acknowledgment of his lost estate and, thus, of his need of grace. Yet there are not wanting professed preachers of grace who, like the antinomians of old, decry the necessity of repentance lest it seem to invalidate the freedom of grace. As well might one object to a man's acknowledgment of illness when seeking help and healing from a physician, on the ground that all he needed was a doctor's prescription.” – H. A. Ironside

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Grace vs Law: <http://www.uplook.org/2007/03/under-law-or-under-grace/>

The fullness of God's grace: <http://www.uplook.org/2007/05/amazing-grace-2/>



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