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Grace

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Bible House of Grace contains an easy to read New and Old Testament commentary full of spiritual treasures and pearls, complete with an insightful resource guide illuminating God's love and grace.



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INTRODUCTION

The focus of this document is not doctrines, or an in-depth teaching on grace, but brief and simple snippets of grace.

BINGO AND THE GRACE OF GOD

A man dies and goes and finds himself standing at the pearly gates. The angel of the Lord says, "Here's how it works. You need 100 points to make it into heaven. You tell me all the good things you have done, and I will give you a certain number of points for each item, depending on how good it was. When you reach 100 points, you get in."

- "Okay," the man says, "I was married to the same woman for 50 years and never cheated on her, even in my heart."
- "That's wonderful," the angel says, "That's worth three points!"
- "Three points?" he says, slightly concerned. "Well, I attended church all my life and supported its ministry with my tithe and service."
- "Terrific!" says the angel. "That's certainly worth a point."
- "One point!?!!" he moans, now really getting worried. "I started a soup kitchen in my city and worked in a shelter for homeless veterans."
- "Fantastic, that's good for two more points," he says.
- "Two points!" the man cries. "At this rate the only way I get into Heaven is by the grace of God!"
- The angel nods and says, "Bingo, 100 points! Come on in my son!"

FREEDOM, DOCTRINAL ERRORS, AND GOD'S GRACE

Even though we did not work for it and did not deserve it, God purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son, and forgave all our sins. This immeasurable gift is given to all who repent and believe. Since God's

grace is so vast, none of us can know its borders, which means we cannot know where the line will be drawn between different understandings of Scripture and what allowances God will make for a believer's lack of understanding His word, and what will be overlooked and what will not, because we are all saved by God's grace, which none of us can earn, for it is a gift, and the giver will choose who to give it too, not us.

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S GRACE AND MERCY

Paul often begins his letters to brothers and sisters in Christ with, "Grace and mercy from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord be with you." This greeting applies to you, and me, and everyone else who is devoted to Christ. Now the beauty comes when we look at the meanings of the word grace and mercy, because all that each word contains in meaning reveals God's heart and mindset toward those who are in Christ.

Grace embraces:

- Kindness and favour.
- Charity and help.
- Assistance and tolerance.
- Sympathy and understanding.
- Leniency and amnesty.
- Pardon and acquittal.
- Exoneration and compassion.
- Generosity and goodwill.
- To release, unshackle and set free.

Mercy embraces:

- Compassion and forgiveness.
- Kindness and sympathy.
- Understanding and relief.
- Generosity and leniency.
- Tolerance, goodwill, and blessing.

Mercy and Grace, and all that these two words embrace express God's eternal mind, and love toward all who love his Son. Who of us cannot be overwhelmed and humbled by such love from a God who is pure light, is it any wonder that the Bible refers to Him as a Heavenly Father?

SINFUL ABERRATIONS THAT DWELL WITHIN

SINFUL ABERRATIONS THAT DWELL WITHIN: a faithful brother in Christ who did live a godly life, was fully aware that it was impossible for him to attain to the righteous perfection he desired, and to the perfection the law demands, and to the perfection of God's Holiness, made the following statement, "though I cannot rid myself of the sin that dwells in my flesh (Rom. 7:17), I have learned to be at peace with the sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that dwell within me."

He accepted the reality; it was impossible for him to attain to the perfections of righteousness and perfections of Christ's character, with this acceptance, and understanding this reality, he was able to live his life before God, free of fear and guilt, and full of joy and peace, because the depth and strength of his faith in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ was such, that he was fully confident, that his lack of righteous perfection was covered by God's unceasing grace, and he was confident, though he did

what he could to live a godly life, God counted him worthy not because of his own righteousness, but because of Christ's perfect righteousness. Some may feel, this brother in Christ was wrong in saying, "he has learned to be at peace with the sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that dwell within him," but consider the following:

- Paul states, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (i.e., fall short of His Holiness) (Rom. 3:23), which means, we are all guilty of sin, and three times he speaks of sin dwelling in his members, meaning in his flesh (i.e., human nature) (Rom. 7: 17, 20, 23)
- John the half brother of Jesus states: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9), which implies there will be moments when we do sin.

Paul concludes, "All who have faith in Christ, are justified by God's grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Rom. 3:24). And that, "the free-gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Rom. 6:23). This means all the faithful redeemed in the Lord Jesus Christ are set free from the bondage and condemnation of the Law. No faithful Christian redeemed in Christ deliberately lives a lifestyle of sin, but we all have moments whereby we fail to maintain the godly standard we are called to, which is why John encourages us with the words, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Once we do this, we can walk away, still beating ourselves up with guilt and condemnation, or walk away trusting in God's word, that we are cleansed and forgiven. It is this attitude of faith I feel the brother in Christ who said, "he has learned to be at peace with the sinful dysfunctions and aberrations that dwell within him," was conveying, he was aware there would be times when he would not attain to the godly standard he desired, but he was not going to live in guilt and condemnation, but rather in God's grace and forgiveness.

NULLIFYING GRACE AND ITS IMPORTANCE

Paul in his letters wrote:

- **Galatians 2:21:** I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness were through the law, then Christ died for no purpose.

This means when those in Christ begin to justify themselves by religious practices or through the law and self-effort, they nullify the grace of God, and by their actions declare that Christ's death was of no value. Equally as terrible as this, Paul states:

- **Galatians 5:4:** You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you have fallen away from grace.

When we forsake grace, we separate ourselves from Christ because it was only by grace that God made us alive in Christ.

- **Ephesians 2:4-5:** God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us,⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

This verse shines a spotlight on the truth, no one can be saved without grace. Paul to highlight even more the majestic glory of grace wrote with absolute boldness that:

- **Ephesians 2:8:** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,

This means it is only by grace that any believer in Christ has been saved. These verses highlight the truth, that without grace no-one can be united to Christ, and whoever is without Christ is separated from God, and without God no-one can be saved to eternal life, which means, in regards to salvation to eternal life, the following four:

1. God.
2. Christ.
3. Faith.
4. Grace.

Are all equally important, for without anyone of them no-one can be saved to eternal life.

USING GOD'S GRACE AND THE MOTIVATION OF THE HEART

David desired above all things, God's steadfast love. Though he like all of us was fully aware that he was not perfect before God, he desired above all things to bring honour to God, and was deeply grieved when he did not. John in his letters wrote:

- **1 John 1:8-10:** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (1 John 1:8-10)

This is not something new, David's Psalms and prayers clearly show that he understood the principle of repentance and confession. Some might say, "If David can sin and repent and be forgiven, why not do as we please since repentance covers." The answer to this is simple, we may fool man, but we cannot fool God, he perceives the honest motivation of the heart, and will judge accordingly. It is almost certain those who deliberately use God's grace as an excuse to sin will find themselves standing in the group Jesus speaks of in the following verses:

- Not everyone who says to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 7:21).
- Why do you call me "Lord, Lord," and not do what I tell you? (Luke 6:46).

It should be kept in mind, there is a big difference between those who desire above all things to bring honour to God, and live a godly lifestyle, and are grieved when they do not, to those who deliberately live a lifestyle of sin believing God's grace allows them to do so.

As the founder of Bible House of Grace, I would like to thank the many Christian scholars, commentators and theologians who have gone before me, and the many today, who have freely made available their works to enhance the knowledge of the Bible to all people worldwide. It is only with the help of these faithful writers that much of Bible House of Grace exists as it does today.
