Grace

1. THE MEANING OF GRACE.
   1. DEFINITIONS: WHAT IT IS.
2. GRACE is the attitude of God toward us in Christ; His “kindness and love…toward man.” Titus 3:4 and 2:11. Grace is “unmerited favor.” ; The God given desire and power to obey the Lord. All of God and not ourselves.
3. GRACE is also this attitude or character of God reproduced in the believer. This may be called “imparted grace.” Colossians 3:16 and 4:6 “grace in your hearts.”
   1. CONTRASTS: WHAT IT IS NOT.
4. GRACE IS CONTRASTED WITH LAW.

John 1:17 “law…by Moses, but grace…by Jesus Christ”

Romans 6:14 “ye are not under the law, but under grace”

1. GRACE IS CONTRASTED WITH WORKS.

Ephesians 2:8, 9 “by grace are ye saved…not by works”

Romans 11:6 “if by grace, then is it no more of works”

* 1. ITS SOURCE: GOD.

Father- I Peter 5:10 “the God of all grace.” Philemon 3

Son- II Corinthians 8:9 “the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Spirit- Hebrews 10:29 “the Spirit of grace.” Zechariah 12:10.

1. GRACE AND SALVATION.

I Peter 1:10 Saving grace was in the Old Testament. Adam and Eve, Abel, Noah, Abraham, Lot, David, Moses, Samson, Ruth … ALL!

Romans 4:16 God’s promises are made sure because of grace.

Galatians 1:15 “called… by His grace”

Acts 18:27 “believed through grace”

Ephesians 1:7 “redemption…forgiveness… of His grace”

Ephesians 2:8 “by grace are ye saved.” Also Titus 2:11

Romans 3:24 “justified freely by His grace.” Also Titus 3:7

1. GRACE AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

Roman 6:14 The Christian lives “under grace”

Hebrews 13:9 “established with grace”

II Peter 3:18 “grow in grace”

Titus 2:11, 12 “grace…teaching us…we should live righteously”

II Thessalonians 2:16 “consolation and good hope through grace”

1. GRACE AND CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

Romans 15:15, 16 “grace…be the minister of Jesus Christ”

Hebrews 12:28 “grace, whereby…serve God acceptably.” Ephesians 3:8.

I Corinthians 15:10 “I labored…yet not I, but the grace of God.”

1. GRACE AND FUTURE GLORY.

Titus 2:11-13 “grace…teaching…looking for blessed hope:

I Peter 1:13 Grace to be brought to us at Christ’s return.

II Corinthians 8:9 “grace…that ye…might be rich”

Ephesians 2:7 “ages to come…shew…riches of His grace”

NOTE: Grace is RICH Ephesians 1:7 and 2:7; SUFFICIENT II Corinthians 12:9;

ABUNDANT Romans 5:17, 20; MANIFOLD I Peter 4:10.