

# GRACE, GRACE, EVERYWHERE

## FINDING GRACE ON EVERY PAGE OF THE BIBLE

*"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen."*

*~ Revelation 22:21*

### 1. Grace, Grace, Everywhere

- a. Grace is popular – specially as the Bible gets less. (Christianese for "don't judge")
- b. Amazing grace, hail Mary, Grace Covenant Church, Mormon grace, charismatic, gratis
- c. Grace ~*def.* a gift; an unearned, undeserved gift; free unmerited love and favor
- d. Unlike sin/hell/judgment – grace is renown but taught very differently.
  - i. ex. Religion is man's effort to earn favor with God – grace = favor of God.

### 2. Grace on Every Page

- a. Does the Bible speak of grace on every page? It is popular to say so.
- b. We know, Paul was given the dispensation of the grace of God – Eph 3:2
- c. We shoot ourselves in the foot to say grace is only found in Paul (e.g. John 1:14-17)
- d. 2 Tim 3:16 – "all scripture is given by inspiration of God..." <-- a grace
- e. The word is not found on every page: 170x – 39OT (11?), 131NT; 98x Paul, 5xMMLJ
- f. Grace is God's motivation for creating, saving...but it is not revealed why, how, when

### 3. Grace and the Law

- a. We do not teach grace because of popularity, licentiousness, antinomian.
- b. 'Grace' 39x in the OT – but gracious 35x, lovingkindness 29x, mercy 205x, favour 84x
  - i. Favour 84x v 7x NT – Luke 1:28-31, Acts 7:10, 46
- c. Adam and Eve – after they sinned they were given grace by God – Gen 3:21
- d. Noah found grace in the middle of judgment and wrath – Gen 6:8
- e. Moses witnessed the declaration of God's graciousness – Exo 34:5-8
- f. Grace in the wilderness - Numbers 6:24-25; Jer 31:2
- g. Abraham gets grace with a promise he did not deserve – Rom 4:1-3
- h. David is shown grace by his blessings above his failures – Rom 4:6-8
- i. Prophetised grace – Zech 4:17, Prov 3:34, James 4:6
- j. The law: God teaching that works matter as an act of faith (grace not yet revealed)
- k. If you think works don't matter, or all that matters, then eventually faith does not.
- l. You must learn works matter, but are a result of what is more important – faith
  - i. This is how you stand by grace (not under law) without works – by faith.

### 4. God's Grace Revealed

- a. Today, God's Grace stands alone... "without [your] works" is revealed thru Eph 2:8-9
- b. There are instances of grace, exceptions, but it was not God's revealed operation
- c. Salvation is by grace (as always), through faith (always required) not by works (new)
- d. The gift (grace) we preach is based upon the preaching of the cross (Pauline)
- e. Today grace reigns, abounds, abundant, - Rom 5:21, 2 Cor 4:15, 1 Tim 1:14-16
- f. We can now live grace, because he has revealed his manifold wisdom/understanding