

## **Grace Upon Grace** **John 1:16**

John 1:16 contains a beautiful phrase: *“For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.”* Grace upon grace. One measure of grace piled on another.

F.F. Bruce commented, “What the followers of Christ draw from the ocean of divine fulness is grace upon grace – one wave of grace being constantly replaced by a fresh one.” It is wonderful to know that God’s grace will never be exhausted.

Paul writes of “the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us” (Eph 1:7-8). “Lavished” is the same word used to describe the twelve baskets of leftover bread in Matthew 14:20. It means “to have more than enough.”

Not “I think I should have enough grace.” Not “as long as you are careful, I won’t run out.” No! “The riches of his grace which he has lavished upon us.” Grace upon grace. There is more than enough!

Recently, I flew from Atlanta to Seattle. Just before takeoff, Air Traffic Control changed the assigned runway due to winds. The new runway was shorter, and our plane was a bit overweight. We sat on the tarmac until enough fuel burned off to get us below the weight limit. After we took off, the pilot came on to explain the delay.

He told us why they changed the runway, he explained about needing to burn off the extra fuel, and then he said something that discouraged me. He said, “We are on the borderline, but there is a 90% chance that we have enough fuel to get to Seattle without having to set down somewhere and refuel.”

“There is a 90% chance that we have enough fuel.” The pilot probably said more in his announcement, but that was all I heard. I do not want to hear a pilot say that we have a 90% chance of having enough fuel. I want to hear, “Fuel has been lavished upon us! We have more than enough!”

I have good news for you today. God has lavished his grace upon us. We are forgiven because He has lavished His grace upon us. We can live in victory because He is lavishing His grace upon us. We can face today’s tests because God through His Son has sent grace upon grace. There is a limitless supply; there is more than enough.