

The Grace of God

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I. Introduction.

A. God's grace is all we need. (2 Corinthians 12)

II. Defining and examining grace.

A. God's grace is limitless, costly, upholding, providing, forgiving, accepting, keeping, molding, restraining, enriching, equipping and imparting.

B. God's grace is the unmerited favor of God.

C. God's grace is more easily experienced than defined.

D. It is limitless for us.

E. It is costly to God. (Romans 11:25)

III. Areas we experience God's grace.

A. We only experience the grace of God at our point of need.

B. God's grace must be appropriated daily. (Deuteronomy 33:25; Lamentations 3:22-23)

C. We experience God's grace physically, mentally and emotionally in acceptance in fear and in stability. (2 Corinthians 12:9; Psalm 18:29; 92:13-14; 1 Kings 17; Matthew 6:25; Luke 12:25-26; Romans 5:20; Ephesians 1:6; Romans 5:1-2; John 17:11; 10:28; 2 Timothy 2:13; John 10:29; 1 Corinthians 15:10; Ephesians 4:13; Philippians 1:6)

D. We experience God's grace spiritually.

1. In deliverance from sin. (1 Corinthians 10:13;

2. In restraint. (Genesis 20)

3. In spiritual growth. (1 Corinthians 1:4-5)

4. In the ability to minister. (Ephesians 4:7; Hebrews 2:4)

5. In wisdom and insight. (Ephesians 1:7-8; 1 Corinthians 2:7; Titus 2:11-13)

E. We experience God's grace in the circumstance of life. (Romans 8:28; Genesis 50:20; Proverbs 16:33)

IV. The source of God's grace: the shed blood of Jesus. (Ephesians 1:7; Romans 3:24; 2 Peter 3:18)

V. How we appropriate God's grace.

A. Realize your position in Christ.

B. Appropriate it through faith. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

C. Grow in grace by exercise.

D. Exercise by employing grace.

E. Grow in grace by sharing it. (1 Peter 4:10)

VI. Hindrances to God's grace.

A. Self-sufficiency. (Galatians 2:21; 1 Corinthians 10:12; 2 Corinthians 3:5; 12:5)

B. Not sharing God's grace. (2 Corinthians 6:1)

C. Pride. (1 Peter 5:5; James 4:6)

Application questions:

1. In what ways have you experienced a notable amount of God's grace?

2. What is God's grace?

3. How can we foster God's grace in our lives? Explain.
