

Elements Of Grace

Introduction. The word "grace" is not strange to us for it is in our vocabulary in a number of ways. For example, we "say grace" before a meal, describe someone as "graceful" or "gracious," have "grace periods" for debts and try to remain in people's "good graces." However, in the Biblical sense it refers to divine mercy or forgiveness. The Greek word for grace is *charis* and it occurs 131 times in the New Testament and is translated as "grace" and "gracious."

The word means "that which affords joy, pleasure, delight, sweetness, charm, loveliness: grace of speech." It can also mean "goodwill, lovingkindness or favor." New Testament writers use *charis* preeminently of that kindness by which God bestows His favor even upon the ill-deserving, and grants forgiveness of their offenses to sinners, and bids them to accept eternal salvation through Christ. We are going to consider several elements of grace so that we may understand and appreciate the grace of God in a better fashion.

I. ***The Source Of Grace***

- A. 1 Peter 5:10.
- B. 2 Thessalonians 1:12.
- C. Hebrews 2:9.

II. ***The Channel Of Grace***

- A. 1 Corinthians 1:4.
- B. Romans 5:15.
- C. Romans 16:20.

III. ***The Application of Grace***

- A. Romans 3:24-26.
- B. Titus 3:5-7.
- C. Romans 8:32.

IV. ***The Gospel Of Grace***

- A. Acts 14:3.
- B. Acts 20:24, 32.
- C. Hebrews 13:9.

V. ***The Obligation Of Grace***

- A. Hebrews 10:29.
- B. 2 Corinthians 6:1.
- C. Acts 13:43.

VI. ***The Reign Of Grace***

- A. Hebrews 4:16.
- B. James 4:6.
- C. 1 Corinthians 15:10.

Conclusion. Someone once said that grace means, "Favor bestowed when wrath is owed." Grace is not merely unmerited favor; it is the very opposite of what is deserved. It is God's nature to give of Himself and all that is His to His creatures (John 3:14-21). It is undeserved kindness instead of deserved condemnation, and that is what makes grace so amazing! Come and obey the gospel while we give you the opportunity.