

Grace

Grace is...

The undeserved favour of God to us, the undeserved mercy of God to us and, free, unconstrained love to us. We have been granted grace even if we didn't know it or if we have not felt it.

2 Timothy 1 v 9

Who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity.

2 Timothy 2 v 1

You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Ezra 9 v 8 - 9

*But now for a brief moment **grace** has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us an escaped remnant and to give us a peg in His holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and grant us a little reviving in our bondage. For we are slaves; yet in our bondage, our God has not forsaken us, but has extended lovingkindness to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us reviving to raise up the house of our God, to restore it's ruins, and to give us a wall in Judah and Jerusalem.*

James 4 v 6 -10

*But He gives a greater **grace**. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives **grace** to the humble." Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double - minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.*

Humble Hearts Draw Grace and His Protection

John 1 v 14 -17

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, **full of grace** and truth. John bore witness of Him, and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.'" For of His fullness we have all received, and **grace upon grace**. For the Law was given through Moses; **grace and truth** were realised through Jesus Christ.*

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Romans 4 v 4-5

Now to the one who works, his wage is not reckoned as a favour, but as what is due. But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.

There is a reward for works but we cannot earn salvation by good works.

James 2 v 14

What use is it, my brethren, if a man says he has faith, but he has no works? Can that faith save him?

Faith without works is dead, not the work of salvation, which is the grace of God.