

Grace: Session 1 Grace Defined

2 Corinthians 12:9 “And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.”

Galatians 1:6

Galatians 3:1-5

Jesus paid it all, it was finished. The only thing left to do now is believe and receive the grace of God by faith.

John 1:17, 14 “For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ...And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.”

Foolish = unintelligent; sensual - focus is on the senses

Legalism is all focused on external behavior, its behavior modification vs. internal transformation

Zechariah 4:6-7 compared to Mark 11:23-24

Zechariah 4:6-7 AMP “Then he said to me, “This [continuous supply of oil] is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel [prince of Judah], saying, ‘Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit [of whom the oil is a symbol],’ says the Lord of hosts. ‘What are you, O great mountain [of obstacles]? Before Zerubbabel [who will rebuild the temple] you will

become a plain (insignificant)! And he will bring out the capstone [of the new temple] with loud shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"

Mark 11:23-24 "For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

What is grace?

Hebrew word: Hen = favor

Genesis 39:4, 21 "So Joseph found grace in his sight, and served him. Then he made him overseer of his house, and all that he had he put under his authority...But the LORD was with Joseph and showed him mercy, and He gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison."

Greek word: Charis = gift, benefit, favor, gratitude, thanks, kindness

Luke 1:30 "Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."

Favor (merriam webster) = regard shown toward another by a superior; good will; partiality, bias; leniency; kindness, aid or assistance; special privilege or right granted

Acts 20:24

Galatians 1:6

Favor = access to places, things, to be where others do not have access and ability do what others are not able to do

*Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the **gospel of Christ**. For it is the **power** of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."*

Gospel = euangelion = often said to mean good tidings or good news but that isn't a quite complete picture of this word. In ancient times the word used here meant a proclamation of great victory and triumph

Power = (dunamis) = Force; miraculous supernatural power; ability

Merriam Webster definition of force - strength or energy exerted or brought to bear : cause of motion or change : active power

Salvation = soteria (from sozo) = deliver, rescue, safety, health, save

Therefore, Gospel of Grace = God's undeserved unearned provision for man's every need

Ephesians 1:3

Colossians 2:6