

What is Grace?

(based on Tim Howey's sermon)

When you understand grace better, you understand God better. When you know God and His Grace, you begin to have a sense of calm and security in who you are in Christ and a firm resolve for God's Kingdom. Let's define grace.

Grace is God's gift...

- Grace to you and peace, [1Cor 1:3-4](#); the grace of God that Jesus gave us.
- God's grace is free. There is no way to earn it.
- Grace is God's continual gift, day-by-day.

...of undeserved favor...

- Grace = God's goodwill and merciful kindness.
- You are saved by grace through faith, when you believe what He did for you, [Eph 2:8-9](#). There is nothing you did or could do to be saved.
- There is NO blend of works and grace. It's either all works or all grace, [Rom 11:6](#). (*and works can't save*)

...of an unending supply...

- The grace of Christ works in you everyday for your growth, [2Pet 3:18](#). You grow in your knowing of Jesus, His Word, and God's promises.
- The unending flow of His grace is enough to guide you through anything, [2Cor 9:8](#).

...through Jesus Christ.

- Jesus Christ is the sacrificial source of your grace, [2Cor 8:9](#).
- He left the comforts of heaven, took on human form, and willingly shed His blood and died to pay for your sins.

Grace Self-Assessment

How true are the following statements for you?

	not true <--> fully true
I believe God's grace is a gift. I didn't earn it.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I know Christ paid for my salvation. I didn't deserve it.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I marvel at the unending supply of His grace.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5
I marvel that Jesus Christ sacrificed so much for me.	1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5

Two High Privileges

If you are a Christ-follower, the grace of God is with you, [1Cor 15:10](#), and provides two High Privileges to:

1. Come boldly to the throne of grace to ask for His mercy and admit you need Him, [Heb 4:16](#).
2. Use the grace God gave you to tell others about the Lord Jesus Christ, and the amazing gift He gave you, [Eph 3:8](#).

If you are NOT a Christ-follower, you are far worse than you realize and God loves you far more than you realize. Will you accept Christ as your Lord and Savior?

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