BIBLE STUDY: THE GRACE OF GOD

The word grace appears often in the Bible, especially in the New Testament, and is truly one of the profoundly significant words in the Scriptures.

Although it is a familiar word to many, its actual meaning is not well understood. The most commonly held definition of grace is that it is some form of unmerited favor bestowed on us by God. Grace does have such a connotation, but this is not the highest definition of grace as revealed in the Bible.

In this Bible study, the footnotes of the New Testament Recovery Version provide us with a rich picture of the grace of God in its highest sense.

The Highest Definition of Grace

1. Grace is a living person, the Triune God Himself, who is embodied in Christ and who passed through incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection to become the life-giving Spirit that He might enter into us to be our life, our life supply, and our everything for our enjoyment:

   Romans 5:2 and note 2; 1 Corinthians 15:10 and notes 10 and 10;
   Galatians 6:18 and note 18; Ephesians 1:2 and note 2; Philippians 4:23 and note 23; 1 Peter 3:7 and note 7; 1 Peter 4:10 and note 10.

2. Grace came through Jesus Christ and is Jesus Christ Himself:

   John 1:14 and 17 and notes 14 and 17; Galatians. 5:4 and note 4; 2 Thessalonians 1:12 and note 12; 2 Timothy 4:22 and note 22.

The Way to Receive Grace

1. Through God’s love and mercy and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit:

   1 John 4:8 and note 8; 1 Timothy 1:13 and note 13; Titus 3:5 and note 5;
   Hebrews 4:16 and note 16; Matthew 9:13 and note 13; 2 Corinthians 13:14 and note 14, paragraphs 1 and 2.

2. By humbling ourselves before God:

   James 4:6 and note 6; 1 Peter 5:5 and note 5.

3. By believing in the Lord Jesus Christ:

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Romans 5:2 and notes 21 and 23.

4. By loving the Lord Jesus:
   Ephesians 6:24 and note 242.

5. By exercising our human spirit:
   Hebrews 4:16 and notes 161 and 162; Hebrews 13:25 and note 251; Galatians 6:18 and notes 181 and 182, paragraph 1; Philippians 4:23 and note 232.

6. Through sufferings and trials arranged for us by God:
   2 Corinthians 12:9 and notes 91 and 92; Romans 5:3 and note 31.

7. Through the words of grace contained in the Bible or spoken to us by the believers in Christ:

The Results of Receiving Grace

1. We are justified by God:
   Romans 3:24 and note 242; Titus 3:7.

2. We are saved by grace:
   Ephesians 2:8 and note 82; Titus 2:11 and notes 112 through 114.

3. We have peace:
   Romans 1:7 and note 72; 1 Peter 5:14 and note 141.

4. We reign in God’s divine life over all negative things:
   Romans 5:17, 21 and notes 171, 172, and 212.

5. We are empowered, made strong:
   2 Timothy 2:1 and note 11.

6. We become members of the Body of Christ with spiritual gifts produced in us by grace for the building up of the Body:
   Romans 12:6 and note 61; Ephesians 4:7 and note 72.


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