

# **THE MANIFOLD GRACE OF GOD**

**“We look with wonder and appreciation at the universe, our God’s creation.**

**But the greatest wonder – it takes first place, is man the sinner – *redeemed by grace.*”**

# **Our Plan of Study**

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- **The meaning of Grace**
  - **What it is not**
  - **What it is**
- **The results/rewards of embracing it.**

# A Good Definition of Grace

**When a person works an eight-hour day and receives a fair day's pay for his time, that is a...**

**WAGE**

**When a person competes with an opponent and receives a trophy for his performance, that is a...**

**PRIZE**

**When a person receives appropriate recognition for his long service or high achievements, that is an...**

**AWARD**

# A Good Definition of Grace

**When a person is not capable  
of earning a wage,  
can win no prize,  
and deserves no award  
– yet receives such a gift  
anyway – that is a good  
picture of God’s unmerited  
favor.**

**This is what we mean by the  
**grace of God.****

~~WAGE~~

~~PRIZE~~

~~AWARD~~

# Ephesians 2:8-9

**8** For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, **9** not of works, lest anyone should boast.

(NKJV)

# Mercy & Grace are Different

- **Mercy** = “Not getting what you deserve.”
- **Grace** = “Getting what we do not deserve as a gift.”

# WHAT GRACE IS NOT:

- IT IS NOT LICENSE  
– Romans 6:1-12



## Romans 6...

**1** What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? **2** Certainly not!  
How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? **3**

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## Romans 6...

**Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.<sup>7</sup> For he who has died has been freed from sin.**

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## Romans 6...

**12** Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body,  
**that you should obey its  
lusts.**

**(NKJV)**

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- IT IS NOT LICENSE
  - Romans 6:1-12
- IT IS NOT LEGALISM
  - Acts 15:10-11

## **Acts 15:10-11**

**10** "Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

**11** "But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

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# WHAT GRACE IS NOT:

- LEGALISM IS NOT LAW-KEEPING...
- BUT LAW-DEPENDING.

## 2 Timothy 1:9

“God has called us with a holy calling, **not according to our own works**, but according to *His own purpose and grace* which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”

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**5** having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, **6** to the **praise of the glory of His grace**, by which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.

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  - Ephesians 1:7-9



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**7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the **riches of His grace** **8** which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, **9** having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

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**But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.**

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  - Genesis 22:12

# Genesis 22:12

**And He said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."**

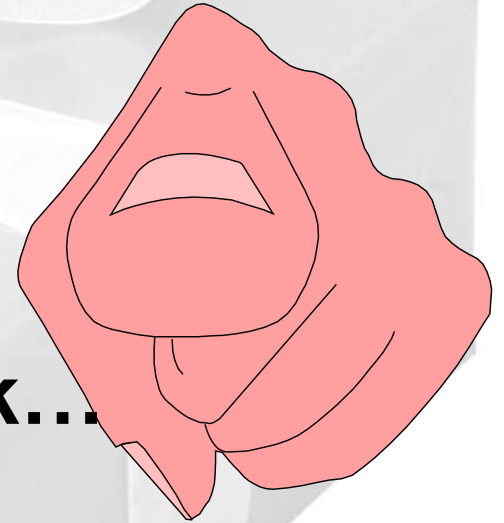
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# **PRACTICAL RESULTS!!**

- **Genuine Humility**
- **Joy!**
- **Motivation**
- **Compassion for the weak...**
- **Depth**
- **Strength**
- **Less likely to fall away...**





# Obeying the Gospel

**“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”**

**-- Mark 16:16**

**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**-- Romans 6:23**