

God extended grace to each of us by sending His son to die on the Cross and pay the debt of our sin. The penalty of our sin is death and we did not deserve to be saved from the penalty of our sin. It was out of God's love and mercy that He extended grace to each of us as sinners. This grace is God's free gift to each of us. Therefore we should remain humble in our salvation due to God's own initiative and the suffering of Christ on the Cross. We shall not boast of our own works, but boast of God's love for each of us.

- Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."
- Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- Eph 2:5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),
- Eph 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,
- Rom 11:6 And if by grace, then *it is* no longer of works; otherwise grace is no longer grace. But if *it is* of works, it is no longer grace; otherwise work is no longer work.
- Rom 12:3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.
- 1 Cor 1:4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus,
- 2 Cor 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.
- Col 4:6 *Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- Titus 3:7 that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.
- James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

Discussion Item 1: *If you were saved by grace, how does your walk reflect the way you were saved?*

Discussion Item 2: *Why should we extend grace to others?*

Life Application: *Extend grace to an individual in need rather than judgment by remembering the grace that God has extended to you as a believer.*

Helpful Definition:

grace- The divine favor toward man; the mercy of God, as distinguished from His justice; also, any benefits His mercy imparts; divine love or pardon; a state of acceptance with God; enjoyment of the divine favor. (Webster)

Notes:

Proverb 3:34 Surely He scorns the scornful, But gives grace to the humble.

Psalms 45:2 You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever.