

Grace Part 4

Living Grace

Welcome back to Tuesday bible study! We are continuing in the Grace Notes today with *Living Grace*.

=====Prayer=====

Okay - quick review:

1a) What is *common grace*?

1b) What is *saving grace*?

We've covered these topics very well. I hope you have been able to read the supplementary curriculum from "Grace Notes" from our website, <https://www.faceofgrace.biz>.

a) Grace

b) Salvation Doctrines

You really are in a 'college level' study on doctrine. However, knowledge at any level is useless if you don't understand it in a way that facilitates use and function in our daily lives.

Today's study is basically pages 7 and 8 of the "Grace Notes", however we have copied it here for you already.

Living Grace (from "Grace Notes")

Every Christian has experienced grace at least once in his lifetime. He has "tasted grace."

1 Pet. 2:2-3. The believer is said to be a child of God, no longer an enemy. Christ did the most for His enemies by bearing our sins when He died on the cross. Since he did the most for us when we were His enemies, how much will He do for us now that we are His own children. The answer "much more than the most". Grace is the concept of a life in which God gives us the most then gives us much more than the most.

Romans. 5:9-17

Matthew 6:25-34

2) What is the "much more grace of God"?

Living Grace (from “Grace Notes” - continued)

Once having tasted grace, the believer can go on to have all of the grace he wants. To obtain all the blessings that God provides, a Christian must exercise his free will by choosing the things of God. The most important thing is the believer’s attitude toward the Word of God. The Lord provides believers with the capacity to grow and be effective so that they can glorify God in this lifetime. In fact, the Christian is *commanded* to grow in grace. **2 Pet. 3:18.**

3a) What does it mean “choosing the things of God”?

3b) (Personal question) Where are you choosing the things of the flesh?
(Think actions, attitudes and thought life)

Living Grace (from “Grace Notes” - continued)

Very little knowledge is required to accept Christ as Savior. But extensive knowledge is required during the believer’s remaining lifetime in order to profit from grace. Every facet of a Christian’s life requires an applied understanding of the Word and orientation to the grace of God.

God’s grace is always available for the believer. In fact, the Lord waits to pour out His grace to us, **Isa. 30:18–19.**

Grace is sufficient for every problem.

Grace is greater than sin, **Rom. 5:20.**

Grace is greater than suffering, **2 Cor. 12:9, 10.**

Grace is greater than Satan, **James 4:6, 7.**

4) What does it mean “grace is sufficient for every problem”?

Ephesians 4:17-32

Living Grace (continued)

A special provision of grace is *dying grace*, for the Christian who is in the dying stage of life, whether that stage lasts two hours or two years, **Psalms 23:4.** *Dying grace* enables the believer to enjoy dying even though he might be having great physical pain.

A Christian who neglects God's Word creates a vacuum in his own spirit, that part of him which can understand and assimilate Bible truth. Into this vacuum will come false teaching, religion, legalism, and Satanic doctrines which further distort his orientation to the plan of God. **Eph. 4:17** and following. Therefore, failure to participate in the plan of God is the believer's greatest occupational hazard. **Heb. 12:15; Gal. 5:4.**

Ephesians lays out the problem and gives the solution.

Living Grace (continued)

The following are some examples of God's grace provision for the Christian life:

- Grace in God's acceptance: **Eph. 1:6**
- Grace in confidence in God's plan: **2 Thess. 2:16**
- Grace in prayer: **Heb. 4:16**
- Grace in daily provision: **Ps. 84:11; Acts 4:33, 34; Rom. 8:32**
- Grace in suffering: **2 Cor. 12:9, 10**
- Grace in God's patience with us: **Ps. 103:8-12**
- Grace in releasing the power of God: **2 Tim. 2:1**
- Grace in victory over sin: **Rom. 6:14**
- Grace in spiritual growth: **2 Pet. 3:18; Acts 20:32; 1 Cor. 15:10**
- Grace in spiritual gifts: **Rom. 12:6; Eph. 3:7,8; 4:7**
- Grace in stability: **1 Pet. 5:12**
- Grace in becoming gracious: **2 Cor. 8:19; Col. 4:6; 1 Pet. 4:10**
- Grace in method of living: **Heb. 12:28; 2 Cor. 1:12; Rom. 11:6**
- Grace in worship of God: **Col. 3:16**
- Grace in the production of divine good: **1** Cor. 15:10; 2 Cor. 6:1; 9:8-11; Eph. 4:29****

5) Which of these means the most to you today and why?

Let's pray

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