

Lesson Notes:

The Grace of God

Without the grace of god and the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ we would all be doomed to an eternity of suffering and separation from God and our loved ones. Below is a discussion of God's Grace; it's importance and what it enables us to do.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **Grace is Forgiveness.** – In **Ephesians 2:8-9** Paul tells us that our salvation is not through any of our works.
- 2) **We have the opportunity for this Grace because of Christ Jesus.** – Paul tells us in **Romans 3:23-25; Romans 5:1** and in **2 Timothy 1:10** that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of the Lord and through the atoning Blood of Jesus we are saved.
- 3) **Why is Grace Important? – Because of Everlasting Life** – Jesus tells us in **John 3:16-17** that God loves us so much that his gave us his son so that we may have everlasting life. Paul tells us in **1 Corinthians 15:55** that because of Christ atoning sacrifice death has no sting.

Other Gifts of God's Grace Include:

- 4) **An Eternal Position in Heaven** – Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:6** that through Grace we have an eternal position in heaven.
- 5) **An Ability to Endure** – In **2 Corinthians 12:8-10** Paul tells us that he endures his infirmities through God's grace and to his glory.
- 6) **Talents such as Music, Arts, Leadership, Teaching** – In **Romans 12:6-8** we find that as believers we are all given different talents through God's grace so that we may effectively serve God.
- 7) **The Ability to Do Good Deeds** – In **2 Corinthians 9:6,8** Paul tells us that we have the ability to perform good works through God's grace. Have you noticed that evil people for the most part are incapable of love and performing good works while God's servants are filled with a passion for good works and compassion for others?
- 8) **The Grace to Serve** – In **Galatians 1 :15-16** we find that through grace we are enabled to better serve.
- 9) **God's Grace is sufficient to cover all sins.** – In **1 Timothy 1:13-15; Romans 3:23-24** and **Romans 10:13** Paul talks about his previous sinful life; actually

referring to himself as the chief sinner yet God's grace is sufficient to cover the sins of all.