

Consumed by Grace
Romans 6 and selected text
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1. Christianity's unique characteristic among world religions: **GRACE**.
2. Grace means this: God giving us what we need, not what we deserve.
3. Three types of laws:
 - a. **Ceremonial laws**: These were laws regarding sacrifices, rituals, offerings and food restrictions found in the Old Testament.
 - b. **Civil laws**: These were rules of government of the nation of Israel.
 - c. **Moral laws**: These were God's ethical standards of behavior.
4. What does it mean to be free from the law?
 - a. We don't keep the law to be "ok" with God.
 - b. In Christ we are free from the law's punishment.
 - c. Verse 15 makes it clear that this freedom is not a license to sin.
5. A deeper look at Grace:
 - a. Based on the **work of Christ** on the Cross.
 - b. The Power from God that gives us both the **desire** and the **ability** to do His will.
 - c. It is **free and unconditional**.
 - d. It is **limitless**.
 - e. It is an **attribute** of God.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy. **Psalm 145:8**
6. The benefits of Grace.
 - a. We are saved by **Grace**.

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. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
 - b. We are filled with **God's Spirit** by Grace.

This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **Galatians 3:2**
 - c. Every **miracle** is by Grace.

Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **Galatians 3:5**
 - d. All **spiritual growth** is by God Grace.

but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen **2 Peter 3:18**
 - e. We overcome **sin** and **temptation** by Grace.

For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men,¹² teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age,

Titus 2:11-12

- f. We can be sustained in any trial by God's Grace.

And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to ^[a]buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.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.¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:7-10

- g. God uses you by Grace.

of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power.

Ephesians 3:7

- h. God keeps us saved by Grace.

Now to Him who is able to keep ^[a]you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Jude 24

7. Jesus told about God's Grace.

- a. *Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.²⁴ And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.²⁵ But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made.²⁶ The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'²⁷ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.*

Matthew 18:23-27

- b. *Now when one of those who sat at the table with Him heard these things, he said to Him, "Blessed is he who shall eat ^[a]bread in the kingdom of God!"¹⁶ Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'²⁰ Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the ^[b]maimed and the lame and the blind.'²² And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.*

Luke 14:15-23

Prayer Focus:

- Pray and ask God to reveal if you've been trying to earn God's love, acceptance, and/or forgiveness.
- If you have been trying to "earn" for God, take a moment and confess that you've been reliant on yourself instead of being reliant on God's grace (which is sufficient for us according to 2 Corinthians 12:9). Then thank God that you are fully loved and accepted by Him.
- Do you have a family member or friend who needs to know and experience God's amazing grace? If so, commit to pray for them and commit to share the Gospel with them.
- Pray, "Father I am thankful for your grace, help me to fully experience it and to offer it to others."