

GRACE: IT'S MORE THAN ENOUGH

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Have you ever experienced grace? Let's say you are in a line of traffic. You realize that you have to change lanes so you can turn up ahead. You turn your signal on, and guess what, someone lets you over. They didn't have to, but they extended grace to you.

Grace is freely given. You didn't have to do a thing. It's because of grace that God provides for all of your needs and many of your wants. It does not cost you anything. You have received God's grace as He blesses your life. God's grace is defined as free and unmerited favor of God. There are 131 verses in the Bible that speak about God's grace.

[“³ We too all previously lived among them in our fleshly desires, carrying out the inclinations of our flesh and thoughts, and we were by nature children under wrath as the others were also. ⁴ But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love that He had for us, ⁵ made us alive with the Messiah even though we were dead in trespasses. You are saved by grace!” \(Ephesians 2:3-5\)](#)

Because of God's love for us, He extends grace to us as sinners. [“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” \(Romans 6:23\)](#)

We cannot save ourselves. Only God can. In Genesis 3, we find the account of the fall of man and how sin entered the world and changed everything. Adam and Eve had been warned by God not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but they fell for Satan's twisting of God's warning about death in the Garden of Eden.

Adam caved in to Eve, who had fallen for the lie from the serpent (Satan). Man's disobedience brought spiritual death upon mankind. When we disobey, that disobedience separates us from God. People are still falling for the same old lie Satan told in the Garden of Eden.

However, God's plan of salvation is still there for the taking. God's grace is there for all who choose to accept it. God's plan of redemption began in the Old Testament. God in His wisdom prepared mankind for blood to be shed for the forgiveness of sin. [“According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.” \(Hebrews 9:22\)](#) This began with animal sacrifices in the Old Testament. You were required to bring a perfect lamb, sheep, goat, oxen, pigeon, or turtledove to be sacrificed by the High Priest for the forgiveness of sin.

We are under the New Covenant with God. The blood of the One without blemish (Jesus Christ) was shed on Calvary for mankind to cover man's sin for all time. His crucifixion paid the price. We have been bought by Him with His blood.

Because of God's grace, His plan of salvation is there for the taking. [“It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!” \(Hebrews 10:31\)](#) If a person does not accept the gift of salvation, they will enter eternity condemned.

Hell is a real place. Hell is mentioned in scripture 14 times. Here is an example from Matthew: [“⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out, separate the evil people from the righteous, ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” \(Matthew 13:49-50\)](#) But you don't have to experience hell. [“And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.” \(Matthew 25:46\)](#)

Please take heed of the warning. The sad thing is, many people believe in heaven but they don't believe in hell. God will not send anyone to hell; God is love. They are correct to a point. God doesn't send you to hell; you do. People are preaching Universalism today. That is, all roads lead to heaven. That's a lie straight from Satan. Remember, at the beginning I told you of the lie Adam and Eve fell for in the garden, "Surely you won't die." God has freely offered heaven to everyone, but we must each choose it. He won't force anyone to come into His presence.

Don't listen to Satan. Don't fall for his lies. It's time to accept God's grace, His plan of salvation. His Grace is for all who choose to follow Him. The table awaits, so come to the table. Have a blessed week.

Come To The Table:

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