



## Grace

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Grace is unmerited favor, unearned benefit, undeserved kindness

### Genesis 1:1-5 NET

*"In the beginning **God created** the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was **without shape and empty**, and darkness was over the surface of the watery deep, but **the Spirit of God was moving** over the surface of the water. God said, "Let there be light." And there was light! God saw that the light was good, so God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day" and the darkness "night." There was evening, and there was morning, marking the first day."*

### Genesis 1:26-27 NET

*"Then God said, "Let us make humankind **in our image, after our likeness**, so they may rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over all the creatures that move on the earth." God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them."*

*"Consider therefore the greatness and dignity that He bestowed upon you at the beginning of your creation and judge for yourself with what love and reverence He ought to be worshipped." – St. Anselm*

### Genesis 1:28-31 NET

*"**God blessed them** and said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! **Rule over** the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground." Then God said, "I now give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the entire earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the animals of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has living breath in it—I give every green plant for food." It was so. God saw all that he had made—and it was very good! There was evening, and there was morning, the sixth day."*

### **Genesis 2:16-17 NET**

*"Then the **Lord God commanded the man**, 'You may freely eat fruit from every tree of the orchard, but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will surely die.'"*

### **Genesis 2:22-23 NET**

*"Then the Lord God made a woman from the part he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This one **at last** is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one will be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.'"*

### **Genesis 3:9-13 NET**

*"But the **Lord God called to the man and said to him, 'Where are you?'** The man replied, 'I heard you moving about in the orchard, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' And the Lord God said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?' The man said, 'The woman whom you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree and I ate it.' So the Lord God said to the woman, '**What is this you have done?**' And the woman replied, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.'"*

### **Genesis 3:17-24 NET**

*"But to Adam he said, 'Because you obeyed your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat from it,' the ground is cursed because of you; **in painful toil you will eat** of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, but you will eat the grain of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat food until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you will return.'"*

*The man named his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all the living.*

***The Lord God made garments** from skin for Adam and his wife, **and clothed them**. And the Lord God said, 'Now that the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil, he must not be allowed to stretch out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.' So the Lord God expelled him from the orchard in Eden to cultivate the ground from which he had been taken. When he drove the man out, he placed on the eastern side of the orchard in Eden **angelic sentries who used the flame of a whirling sword** to guard the way to the tree of life."*

### **Genesis 4:6-7 NET**

*"Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry, and why is your expression downcast? Is it not true that if you do what is right, you will be fine? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. **It desires to dominate you, but you must subdue it.**'"*

**Genesis 4:15-16 NET**

*"But the Lord said to him, "All right then, if anyone kills Cain, Cain will be avenged seven times as much." Then **the Lord put a special mark on Cain** so that no one who found him would strike him down. So Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden."*

**Genesis 4:25-26 NET**

*"And Adam was intimate with his wife again, and she gave birth to a son. She named him Seth, saying, "God has given me another child in place of Abel because Cain killed him." And a son was also born to Seth, whom he named Enosh. At that time **people began to worship the Lord.**"*

God's grace is unmerited favor, unearned benefit, undeserved kindness. It is God's grace, all the time.

**Romans 3:23; 6:23 ESV**

*"...All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt

Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within  
Grace, grace, God's grace  
Grace that is greater than all our sin