

God is GREAT and GRACIOUS



"Grace is the love and mercy given to us by God because God desires us to have it, not because of anything we have done to earn it."

(Wesleyan Theological Heritage)





God <u>extends</u> and <u>exhibits</u> grace to all (universal). He does not change. (immutable)

Ephesians 1:7
"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the <u>riches of God's grace</u>."

2 Corinthians 9:8
And God is able to make <u>all</u>
grace abound to you, so that
in all things at all times,
having all that you need, you
will abound in every good
work.

John 1:17
For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

NEVER MISREAD THIS

"antinomianism"

The opposite of grace is not God's law. The opposite of grace is no grace. Law is an expression of God's grace.







Genesis 6:8

But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.



Exodus 33:17 (NKJV)

So the LORD said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have spoken; for you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name."





God's law DEMANDS righteousness James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Galatians 3:10
All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."

God's Law leads mankind to Christ Acts 13:38-39

Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.

Galatians 3:19,24

What, then, was the purpose of the law? It was added because of transgressions until the Seed to whom the promise referred had come...So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith.

Religion is man's way to reach God; but Christianity is God's plan to reach man.

God's law <u>demands</u> righteousness

God's grace <u>provides</u> righteousness

"The most powerful idea that's entered the world in the last few thousand years - the idea of grace - is the reason I would like to be a Christian."



-Bono, U2 Band

2 Corinthians 5:21

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

We are saved by God's grace through faith

Ephesians 2:8-9
For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by works, so that no one can boast.

Romans 3:22-24

This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Head Faith

versus

Heart/Saving Faith

You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that--and shudder. You foolish man, do you want evidence that faith without

deeds is useless?

Matthew 7:21

Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.

God's grace empowers us to pursue holiness



Romans 6:1-2
What shall we say, then?
Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Titus 2:11-12

"For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age..."

Mas mapagmahal!
Mas masunurin!
Mas naglilingkod!
Mas nagtitino!
Mas masipag!
Mas nagtitiyaga!

Paano kung hindi nakikita ang pagbabago sa buhay?

#### 1 John 3:7-9

"...He who does what is right is righteous...He who does what is sinful is of the devil...No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

2 Peter 2:21-22

For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness...Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed returns to her wallowing in the mud."

Kapag iniligtas ka ng Diyos dapat may utang na loob ka! God's grace should <u>enable</u> us to do good works

Ephesians 2:10
For we are God's
workmanship, created in
Christ Jesus to do good
works, which God
prepared in advance for us
to do.

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning. Earning is an attitude. Effort is an action. Grace, you know, does not just have to do with forgiveness of sins alone."



-Dallas Willard

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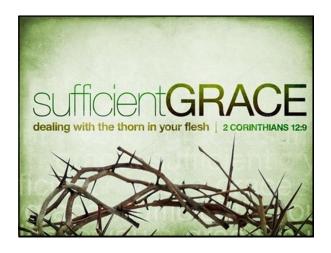
God's grace encourages us to be more intimate with God

## Romans 2:4

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that <u>God's kindness</u> <u>leads you toward</u> <u>repentance</u>?

#### 2 Peter 3:17-18

"...be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of lawless men and fall from your secure position. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ..."

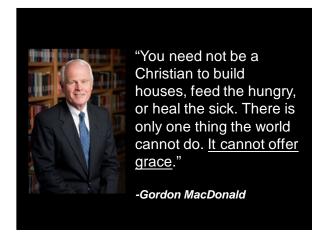


## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

"To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me..."

Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



As we received God's grace, we should also give it to others

