23. Grace provides redemption and forgiveness. (Ephesians 1:7).

**24. Grace enables us to be created unto good works.** (Ephesians 2:7-10)

**25. Grace enables us to minister.** (I Peter 4:10, Philippians 1:7).

**26. Grace provides unsearchable riches.** (Ephesians 3:8).

**27.** Grace provides the gifts for the five-fold ministry. (Ephesians 4:7).

**28.** Grace brings glorification to the name of Jesus. (II Thessalonians 1:12).

**29.** Grace establishes us in good works. (II Thessalonians 2:16-17).

**30.** Grace calls us into ministry. (II Timothy 1:9, Galatians 1:15).

**31. Grace empowers us for ministry.** (II Timothy 2:1).

**32.** Grace provides us with access to God and gives us the help we need. (Hebrews 4:16).

**33.** Grace enables us to serve God. (Hebrews 12:28).

**34.** Grace establishes our hearts. (Hebrews 13:9).

**35.** Grace makes us perfect, establishes us, strengthens us, and settles us. (I Peter 5:10).

**36.** Grace gives us a place to stand. (I Peter 5:12)

PLEASE NOTE:

# We can grow in grace

II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour

Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen."

## We can fail the grace of God

Hebrews 12:28 "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

We can fall from grace (fall into works orientation)

Galatians 5:4 "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace."

# We can frustrate the grace of God

Galatians 2:21 "I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain."

#### We can receive more grace

I Peter 5:5 "Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."

James 4:6 "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."



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# Receiving Grace To Live By

You are speeding down the highway and are breaking the speed limit. The Highway patrolman clocks you doing 75 mph in a 60 mph speed zone. The patrolman pulls you over and writes you a speeding ticket. You go before the Judge. The fine is \$250.00. Justice says that you pay the fine of \$250.00. Mercy says that the Judge cuts the fine to \$175.00. Grace says that someone pays the Judge the \$250.00 for you and gives the Judge an extra \$50.00 to give to you. Justice is receiving what we deserve. Mercy is receiving less consequences that we deserve. Grace is receiving the goodness which we don't deserve. Grace is God's Riches At Christ's Expense.

God's grace toward us is like a jar of marbles. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). There is grace for eternal salvation, but also grace for physical and emotional healing. There is grace to overcome sin habits and addictions. There is grace for facing trauma issues and grace to face strained relationships. There is grace to meet our financial needs and grace for doing what we can not do in the natural. God's grace comes through the sacrifice of Jesus. "He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32).

The jar has all the free marbles that we need, but we must reach in and take them out as needed. "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:16). We do this through faith, which comes from the Word of God. Based upon the promises of God, we are to ASK until we receive. "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9). However, we are to ask with a heart of thanksgiving and praise. "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6).

If we fail to recognize the good gifts of God and do not have a heart of gratitude for that which God has given to us, then we will lose our marbles. SEE: (Deuteronomy 28:47-48).

In contrast, if we receive the grace of God and share that grace with others, then God will multiply it back to us again. Job's friends were extremely critical of him. However, when Job showed GRACE toward them by praying for them, God healed him and restored to Job twice as much as he had previously lost. (Job 42:10). When we take a marble out of our jar and share it with someone else, God will restore a multiplication of marbles back into our jar. "Give, and it shall be given unto vou; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:38).

### GRACE IS GOD'S UNMERITED FAVOR TO US.

**1. Grace is received by faith.** (Romans 5:2).

2. Grace teaches us. (Titus 2:11-12).

**3. Grace enables us to give.** (Acts 4:33, II Corinthians 8:1, II Corinthians 8:6-7, 8:9).

**4. Grace saves us.** (Acts 15:11, Ephesians 2:5, 8-9.

**5. Grace enables us to believe.** (Acts 18:27)

**6.** Grace builds us up and enables us to receive our inheritance. (Acts 20:32, Titus 3:5-7).

**7. Grace enables us to obey.** (Romans 1:5).

8. Grace justifies us. (Romans 3:24).

**9. Grace brings God's blessings.** (Romans 4:4).

**10.** Grace enables us to receive from God. (Romans 4:16).

**11. Grace enables us to reign.** (Romans 5:17, 6:15, 11:6).

12. Grace reigns. (Romans 5:21).

**13. Grace transforms us.** (Romans 12:3-4).

**14. Grace enables us to receive ministry gifts.** (Romans 12:6).

**15. Grace brings boldness.** (Romans 15:15).

**16. Grace enables us to put Satan under our feet.** (Romans 16:20).

**17.** Grace brings enrichment of utterance and knowledge. (I Corinthians 1:4-5).

**18. Grace enables us to build upon Christ.** (I Corinthians 3:10).

**19. Grace produces good works.** (I Corinthians 15:10, II Corinthians 6:1).

**20. Grace enables us to live a righteous life.** (II Corinthians 1:12).

**21. Grace has made us accepted in Christ.** (Ephesians 1:6).

**22.** Grace enables us to become strong. (II Corinthians 12:9-11).