
Grace Unlocked

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Grace in Jesus: God's Presence, Power, and Work

Faith unlocks Grace (Ephesians 2:8)

Ephesians 2:1-3, 8-9 (ESV) *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind...For **by grace** you have been saved **through faith**. And this is not your own doing; **it is the gift of God**, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV) *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 of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

Grace is what carries us to maturity.

Maturity is not needing *less* grace, but recognizing our greater need for *more* grace.

James 4:1-6 (ESV) *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? But **he gives more grace**. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."*

Humility unlocks Grace

Romans 12:3-6a (ESV) *For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having **gifts that differ according to the grace given to us**, let us use them...*

1 Peter 4:10 (ESV) *As each has received a **gift**, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of **God's varied grace**:*

1 Corinthians 15:10 (ESV) *But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.*