



2 Chronicles 33:1-13; Ephesians 2:1-10

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A Superficial, Shallow View

God Is Love

- God's love is uninfluenced, eternal, sovereign, infinite, immutable, holy, tough, gracious, and . . .
- In and through Christ ALONE.

God Is Gracious (Psalm 86:15; 103:8; 145:8)

- (Ephesians 1:7; 2:7; 3:8) "unsearchable riches of Christ"
- (1 Timothy 1:14) "exceedingly abundant grace"
- (1 Peter 5:10) "the God of all grace".
- (James 4:6) He gives more grace to the humble.

What Is Grace?

- Like His love and mercy, grace belongs to God. God bestows His grace on whomever He wills. God is SOVEREIGN to whom He gives or withholds His grace. (Exodus 33:19; Romans 9:15, 18; Matthew 20:1-16)
- Like His love, His grace is uninfluenced! If it was influenced by something the person did then it would cease to be GRACE.
- **G**od's **R**iches **A**t **C**hrist's **E**xpense
 - What are the riches?
 - What was Christ's expense?
- God's Kindness Bestowed on Undeserving Sinners.
 - What is God's kindness?

- (Romans 6:23) "The wages of sin is death, **but** the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."
- Grace is NOT a "present" that one takes from the hand of God.
- Grace is the power of God exerted on undeserving sinners that . . .
 - ① Transforms them into new creatures that now desire to love God, serve God, obey God, and worship God.
 - ② Transforms them into new creatures that now desire to live for God rather than themselves.
 - ③ Transforms them into new creatures that now hate sin and repent of their sins daily.

What Is an Undeserving Sinner? (Ephesians 2:1-3)

- **Everyone** is born into this world a sinner, rebel, traitor, and an enemy of God. (Romans 5:10; 8:7-8; Colossians 1:20-21)
- (Ephesians 2:1-3) Everyone born into this world is . . .
 - ✗ born dead in trespasses and sins.
 - ✗ a slave to the world system.
 - ✗ a slave to Satan.
 - ✗ a slave to their own lusts and desires.
 - ✗ a slave to sin.
 - ✗ are **by nature** born children of God's wrath.
- (Romans 3:9-18) There is **none**, NOT ONE, . . .
 - ✗ who is righteous.
 - ✗ who understands God and His ways. (1 Corinthians 2:14)
 - ✗ who seeks God.
 - ✗ who is profitable.
 - ✗ who does anything good or is any good.
 - ✗ who fears God.
- ✗ (John 6:44, 65) A person who **cannot** come to Christ.
- ✗ (Hebrews 11:6) A person who can do **nothing** to please God. (Romans 8:7-8)
- ✗ (Matthew 19:25-26) A person who has no ability to do anything to save themselves. (Romans 5:6)
- ✗ The WRATH of God (not the love of God) right now abides on all unbelievers. (John 3:36; Psalm 2:12; Romans 1:18)
- ✗ Those who do not take God absolutely seriously will spend all of eternity suffering God's wrath. (Rev 20:15; Matt 25:41; Mark 9:43-48)
- **GOD IS SERIOUS.**

What Are the Unsearchable Riches of God's Grace? (Eph 3:8-9)

- (Ephesians 2:4-9) Saved from slavery/bondage to sin, death, the world and Satan.
- (Romans 6:23) The gift of eternal life . . .
 - NEW LIFE.
 - Quantity - ETERNAL - it can never end.
 - Quality - A completely new way of living life.
 - This gift is **not** offered - it is given!
 - This gift of life **given** to a person who is DEAD in their sins and trespasses.
 - This new life comes with the ability to hear, understand, come, confess, repent, believe!!!!
- (2 Corinthians 5:17) Grace is the power of God that recreates a person into a **new** creature. (Ephesians 2:10)
 - ➔ This a transformation from a person who was a rebel, traitor, enemy of God into a completely new person who now surrenders his/her life to serving the living God eagerly awaiting His Son's return. (1 Thess 1:9-10)
- (John 10:10) Abundant life in this life and the next.
- (Ezekiel 36:26-27) A new heart with God's Laws engraved on it. (Hebrews 8:10; 10:16)
 - This heart (mind, will, emotions) moves the recipient to desire to love, serve, obey, know, and worship God.
- (Ezekiel 36:25-26) His Spirit to cause us to obey His commandments.
- (Ephesians 2:8-9) Given the gift of faith - the ability to believe and keep on believing.
- God's righteousness (Romans 5:17; Isaiah 61:10)
- Power over sin/temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 6:14)
- Sufficiency in all things (2 Corinthians 9:8)
- Joy in the midst of great tribulation (2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 1 Thessalonians 1:6)
- Power to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we can even imagine. (Ephesians 3:20; 1 Corinthians 15:10)
- Believers are made "children of God" (John 1:12-13; 3:1-8; James 1:8)
- If "children of God" then we are HEIRS of GOD and JOINT HEIRS with Christ! (Romans 8:12-17).
- (Ephesians 1:3-14) In Christ, believers receive . . .
 - (v. 3) Every spiritual blessing. (See 2 Peter 1:3-4)
 - (v. 4) Chosen by God to be holy and without blame.

- (v. 5) Adopted as children according to the good pleasure of His will.
- (v. 6) Acceptance by God.
- (v. 7) Purchased/Redeemed by the blood of Christ.
- (v. 7) Forgiveness of sin. (Isaiah 43:25)
- (v. 8) Wisdom and prudence.
- (vv. 13-14) Sealed with His Spirit.
- Here are just some of the aspects of our inheritance as children of God:
 - A city built by God. (Hebrews 11:13-16)
 - Citizenship in heaven. (Philippians 3:20-21)
 - A mansion prepared for us by Christ. (John 14:1-6)
 - A feast/banquet in our honor with Christ serving! (Luke 12:37)
 - A place where there is no more pain, sickness, death, sin, temptation, etc. (Revelation 21:3-5)
 - New glorified bodies. (1 Cor 15:42-44; Philip3:20-21; 1 Jn 3:1-3)
 - A seat on Christ's throne. (Revelation 3:21)
 - Fulness of joy and pleasures. (Psalm 16:11; 36:7-10)
 - God Himself! (Psalm 73:25-26; Lamentations 3:24; Genesis 15:1)
- Some of Christ's riches that we receive NOW . . .
 - God's goodness and forbearance and longsuffering. These leads one to a life of repentance. (Romans 2:4)
 - God's abundant mercy and His great love. (Ephesians 2:4-5; 1 Peter 1:3)
 - His riches of His glory! (Romans 3:16; John 17:22; 2 Cor 3:18; 2 Thess 2:13-14)
 - "all things to enjoy" - 1 Timothy 6:17
 - His assurance. (Colossians 2:2; Philippians 1:6)
 - His Word. (Colossians 3:16)
 - Made **complete** in Christ. (Colossians 2:10)
- Saved from God's wrath. (1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Romans 5:10-11)

What Is Grace?

- ★ God's good will exerted on undeserving sinners!!!! (Hebrews 13:21; Romans 8:29; Philippians 2:13; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Eph 1:18-19; Luke 2:14)

Unmeasured Grace