

# The Grace of God

Grace. We sing about it a lot. In fact, take a few minutes and name as many songs as you can with the word "grace" in it.

Now that we're all singing, do we take it for granted that we know what grace really is? God's authority is found in His grace to us. Let's look at God's grace today in the true essence of what Scripture says it is.

Read John 1:14-17 and then 2 Timothy 1:9-10 together.

- How has grace been truly revealed to us?
- How long has grace existed?

Grace is much bigger than just God's way to "save us from sin" although it definitely does that as well. It is revealing who God is to us! Let's pour ourselves into grace a bit more.

Read Hebrews 4:14-16.

- How should we approach God in prayer and in praise?
- What stops you from being confident in coming to God in prayer?

God has given us a way to commune with confidence with Him through His grace! And we get to do so without having to do one thing to prove ourselves worthy to Him.

Let's read Romans 3:23-24 and 5:20-21.

- How much does the gift of grace cost us?
- Can our sin ever become so bad that it surpasses the grace of God?

Read Ephesians 2:4-9.

- Is there any effort on our part that will help us "earn" God's grace?
- How does truly accepting the grace of God make you feel today?

As a family, sing "Amazing Grace," "Grace Greater Than Our Sin," or "This is Amazing Grace" to celebrate and remind us of His grace for us who believe in Him.

Close your time of family worship in a time of prayer using the following prayer from *The Valley of Vision*:

## Grace Active

*Lord Jesus, Great High Priest, You have opened a new and living way by which a fallen creature can approach you with acceptance. Help me to contemplate the dignity of your Person, the perfectness of your sacrifice, the effectiveness of your intercession. O what blessedness accompanies devotion, when under all the trials that weary me, the cares that corrode me, the fears that disturb me, the infirmities that oppress me, I can come to you in my need and feel peace beyond understanding! The grace that restores is necessary to preserve, lead, guard, supply, help me. And here your saints encourage my hope; they were once poor and are now rich, bound and are now free, tried and now are victorious. Every new duty calls for more grace than I now possess, but not more than is found in you, the divine Treasury in whom all fullness dwells. To you I repair for grace upon grace, until every void made by sin be replenished and I am filled with all your fullness. May my desires be enlarged, and my hopes be emboldened, that I may honor you by my entire dependency and the greatness of my expectation. Be with me, and prepare me for all the smiles of*

*prosperity, the frowns of adversity, the losses of substance, the death of friends, the days of darkness, the changes of life, and the last great change of all. May I find your grace sufficient for all my needs.*

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