

The Spiritual Principle of Grace



2 Corinthians 12:7-9

- Grace is one of the most common words used among Christians and yet we have such limited concepts about grace according to the Word of God.
- Grace is used for many different meanings.
- Many believers are confused about grace and why it is released into our lives.
- The principle of grace is "God's plan to empower our lives."
- It is God's plan for us to fulfill His will.
- Purpose: to live a life of power.
- Goal: to have a Biblical understanding of what grace is and how it works in our lives.
- Objective: to rejoice and enjoy our salvation.

○ Lessons to teach:

- (1) Defining Grace
- (2) We Have Been Saved By Grace
- (3) The Doorway to Grace is Humility
- (4) Use Grace or Loose It

- All of us have an assumption of what grace means.
- Most of us have heard that grace is "the un-merited favor of God."
- Grace is much more than "the un-merited favor of God."
- When you take a meaning of a word, that definition has to hold true for every verse that incorporates that word if that is how you are going to define it.
- "God gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet. 5:5).
- If grace was "un-merited favor of God," we are talking about Jesus, God in flesh (Luke 2:40).
- This definition doesn't fit in John 1:1, 14.
- Definition: grace is the empowering presence of God, enabling us to do everything he has created us to do, and enabling us to be everything He called us to be.
- Grace is not something that God does for you as much as it is something God does Himself in you.
- Look at Luke 2:40 and John 1:14.

- When it comes to the concept of grace it is in the same category as the Holy Spirit.
- Power and grace go hand in hand (Acts 4:33).
- If you are flowing in the grace of God you are flowing in the power of God (Acts 11: 21-23).
- When you see grace you see power (Acts 14:3).
- When it comes to grace we don't have the same amount (Eph. 4:7).
- All of the grace God gives me; He gives it to me for His purpose.
- There are certain things in life that are continual (John 1:16).
- Every problem that comes into your life is an opportunity for a little more grace to come into your life.
- Now that you have given your life to the Lord, He has given you every gift, grace, and every blessing.
- Everyone that is a member of this church, you have the grace to do the work of ministry.
- Teaching the principle of grace is very important in the church.
- If you don't understand the message of God's grace you will not be fruitful and grow (Col. 1:6).
- It is Jesus working through us not us working for Jesus.
- You overcome sin by focusing on your relationship with Jesus.
- I don't have the ability to make it happen, I need the Holy Spirit to anoint the Word (2 Corth. 12:7-9).
- Is there anyone that is having problems, troubles, or circumstances?
- The throne of God is a throne of grace (Heb. 4:16).