

# GRACE ?

## UNMERITED FAVOR by God - Define it:

1. Royal / Classy person. simple elegance or refinement of movement. used as a title of address or reference for a duke, a duchess, or an archbishop
2. A behavior toward others. courteous goodwill.  
[approval](#), [favor](#) stayed in his good graces
3. A Divine Gift. unmerited divine assistance given to humans for their regeneration or sanctification. a virtue coming from God. a state of sanctification enjoyed through divine assistance. [mercy](#), [pardon](#)
4. a short prayer at a meal asking a blessing or giving thanks (Chevy Chase Christmas Vacation)

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### In order to comprehend Grace...

1. How do you view God?
2. How does God view Sin?
3. How do you view sin ?
4. How do you view yourself ?

Most unrighteousness dresses up as self righteousness due to ignorance of GRACE . My only righteousness is Christ's righteousness in exchange for my unrighteousness ( sin) .

This is not a license to live wrong , but a heartfelt gratitude to live RIGHT ( righteously ) . On my best day my righteousness is filthy rags.

1. 1 Peter 1:16 – Be holy for I am holy. Heb 12:14 - be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.
2. Ezek 18:4 - the soul who sins shall die. Rom 3:23 – all have sinned and fall short
3. Rom 3:20 - For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are.
4. Rom 8:1 - there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. You are a new creation. You are born again.

## **Can we abuse Gods Grace?**

Can we assume it, or take Him for granted?

Remember – God is sovereign , He choses. We can not manipulate, take for granted, or dispense Gods grace at our discretion.

How do we abuse it ?

1. **Willful license to sin** – (habitual, lifestyle, continuous choices) Heb 10:26 If we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgement...”insulting the spirit of grace”  
Rom 6:1,2 – shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not, can we die to sin and continue to live in it?
2. **Cold hard heart** – Jude 1:4 – certain people creep in and “turn the Grace of God into Lewdness”
3. **Feeling of entitlement to grace** – we have not earned it or will we ever deserve it! Gen 6:3 – my spirit will not always strive with man. Luke 18 – two men went to the temple to pray... one was self-righteous, the other a sinner who beat his chest and would not even look up.

## **To Receive Grace - The Bible says...**

### **Repent... you can not get grace with out repentance!**

He gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble

Let us then approach the throne of **grace** with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find **grace** to help us in our time of need.

But to each one of us grace has been given from Christ

the gospel is bearing fruit ...as you heard it and truly understood God's grace.

I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me – the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness

**Eph 2:8,9 - it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.**