

Vibrant spirituality

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Benediction!
*This is the essence of the 3 Persons of
the Godhead in relation to the believer.*

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Amen. (NKJV)

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spiritual blessing)** of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of God and the presence and
fellowship (the communion and sharing together,
and participation) in the Holy Spirit be with you
all. Amen. (so be it). (AMP)

Introduction

Grace

- = Receiving what we do not deserve.
Unmerited favour out of God's goodness.
Unearned.
- = The supply from God for what we need
in our lives!
- = God's Favour and Blessing for us!

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Philippians 2:7-8
7 but **made Himself of no reputation**,
taking the form of a **bondservant**, and coming
in the **likeness of men**. 8 And being found in
appearance as a man, He **humbled Himself**
and became **obedient** to the point of death,
even the **death of the cross**.

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John 1:14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, **full of grace and truth**.



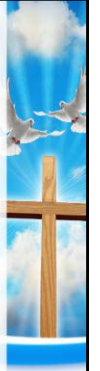
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John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am **the way, the truth, and the life**. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 1:17 For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**.



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 - A. The Law shows us what is **right** and **wrong**.
 - B. The Law points us to the **Truth**.
 - C. But the Law is **powerless** to empower us to do right.



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Galatians 3:19 What **purpose** then does **the law** serve? It was added **because of transgressions, till the Seed should come** to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator.




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Galatians 3:21, 24

21 Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For **if** there had been a **law** given which **could have given life**, truly **righteousness would have been by the law**.


24 Therefore the **law was our tutor to bring us to Christ**, that we might **be justified by faith** ..





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 - D. Only **faith in Christ** justifies us.
 - E. Additionally, **faith in Christ** empowers us through the **Holy Spirit** to do right and hence, obey the Law.

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 2. In Christ, Grace and **Truth** come together.
 - F. Only by faith in Christ can Grace and Truth be **One** in our lives.

Galatians 2:16 knowing that a man is **not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, that we might be **justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law; for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.**

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 - e.g. (1) - **Jeremiah 9:24**
 - e.g. (2) - **Matthew 6:12**
 - e.g. (3) - **Galatians 6:7**
 - e.g. (4) - **1 John 5:18** and **Ephesians 4:26-27**


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- II. God's Grace **sustains** us in this life.
 - 1A. We begin our journey in life by the **saving grace** of Christ.
 - 1B. We continue our journey in life by the **sustaining grace** of Christ.

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Galatians 3:3, 5

3 Are you so **foolish**? Having begun **in the Spirit**, are you now being made perfect **by the flesh**?

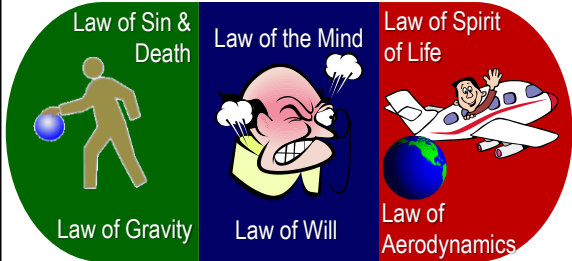
5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the **works of the law**, or by the **hearing of faith**?—

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- 1B. We continue our journey in life by the **sustaining grace** of Christ.

Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now **no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not **walk** according to the flesh, but **according to the Spirit**. 2 For **the law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me **free from the law of sin and death**.

1B. We continue our journey in life by the **sustaining grace** of Christ.



II. God's Grace **sustains** us in this life.
 2. He provides the **Word** of His Grace to build us up.

Acts 20:32a So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the **Word of His Grace** ...



2. He provides the **Word** of His Grace to build us up.
 A. The Word of God heard and received in our spirit-heart produces **faith**.

Romans 10:17 So then **faith** comes by hearing, and **hearing by the Word of God**.



2. He provides the **Word** of His Grace to build us up.
 B. **Faith** is the **key** to receive the **Grace** provided for us.

Romans 5:2 through whom also we have **access by faith into this Grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.



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 C. The Lord has already provided **all** the **Grace** we need for our lives.

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has **blessed us with every spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ ...



Examples of Grace that we need:-

Peace of God	Obedient Children	Good Christian Fellowship	To Go the 2 nd Mile
To Serve	Protection	Patience	Provision
Friends	Faith	Compassion	Self-Control
Bodily Health	Ability to Love	To Overlook an Offence	To Love the Unloving
To Forgive	Family Harmony	Financial Freedom	Strong Marriage



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D. We receive the specific grace by **faith**.

Romans 10:9-10

9 that if you **confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one **believes** unto righteousness, and with the mouth **confession** is made unto salvation.

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E. The Grace of God is always **sufficient** for us.

2 Corinthians 12:9a And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.**"

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F. We are to grow in the **Grace** and **Knowledge** of Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

2 Peter 1:2 **Grace and peace** be **multiplied** to you in the **knowledge** of God and **of Jesus our Lord** ...

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G. We must deal with the Grace **blockers** in our lives.

Hebrews 12:15 looking carefully lest anyone **fall short of the grace of God**; lest any **root of bitterness** springing up **cause trouble**, and by this many become defiled ...

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Ephesians 4:26-27

26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 **nor give place to the devil**.

SUMMARY:

God's Grace comes to us in *2 broad ways*:

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CONCLUSION

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CONCLUSION

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

