

The Amazing Grace of God

“Knowing God Deeper” part 8

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You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious... Psalm 86:15 (ESV)

Grace: God giving us ...

The Lord waits to be gracious to you ... Isaiah 30:18 (ESV)

What God’s Grace Can Do For Us:

I. God’s Saving Grace ...

For by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven.

How great is the grace of God, ⁸which he gave to us in such large measure! Ephesians 1:7-8 (GN)

For it is by God’s grace that you have been saved through faith. It is not the result of your own efforts, but God’s gift, so that no one can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8 (GN)

Key: The gospel is based on God’s ...
not our ...

II. God’s Strengthening Grace ...

Do not be attracted by strange, new ideas. Your spiritual strength comes as a gift from God, not from ceremonial rules ... Hebrews 13:9 (LB)

Confronting Legalism: (Galatians 5:1-5)

And now just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust him, too, for each day’s problems; live in vital union with him. ⁷Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him. See that you go on growing in the Lord, and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with joy and thanksgiving for all he has done.

Colossians 2:6-7 (LB)

Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

For it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:13 (ESV)

III. God's Sustaining Grace ...

(God says) "My grace is all you need, for my power is greatest when you are weak." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (GN)

Let us have confidence, then, and approach God's throne, where there is grace. There we will receive mercy and find grace to help us just when we need it. Hebrews 4:16 (GN)

Guard against turning back from the grace of God. Let no one become like a bitter plant that grows up and causes many troubles with its poison. Hebrews 12:15 (GN)

Receiving God's Grace requires ...

"God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." James 4:6 (ESV)

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)

So ... What can we do with God's grace:

1. Be G ...

... because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Corinthians 9:14-15 (ESV)

2. Be G ...

- See ...

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11 (NIV)

- Serve ...

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace ... 1 Peter 4:10 (ESV)

- Share ...

... if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. Acts 20:24 (ESV)

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This Week's GPC Discussion Guide:

Welcome to the eighth week our 10 week study and discussion based on our current Sunday series at GPC called, "Knowing God Deeper".

Each week we will reflect on one of the names of God found in the Old Testament. Each of these names are windows into an aspect of God's character.

The more we understand God's character, the deeper we can know God personally, increase our trust in Him and experience His peace.

It is our prayer at GPC for our Sundays and small groups to provide the encouragement we all need to support each other as we desire to grow closer to God and build friendships in the coming weeks.

Each week, we will be using the same set of questions as we focus in on the ten different names of God that will be the focus of this series.

Getting Started ...

In the last seven days or so, what has encouraged you (big or small) that we can rejoice with you over? ... and / or ...

What has challenged you, stretched you, possibly brought some discouragement your way (big or small) ... that we can offer our support and prayers for each other?

Quick Review ...

In this week's description of God, we reflected on how God is gracious and how His grace can impact our lives.

From the passages and insights that were shared on Sunday, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged you, encouraged you, or stretched your thinking?

Digging Deeper:

What does God being “gracious” mean to you personally?

Has this characteristic of God brought encouragement to you in the past? If so, when? How did it impact you?

What thoughts came out of that experience?

What are some feelings, thoughts, questions or possible struggles that surface in you as you reflect on the meaning of this name?

What do you think God wants you to remember and live in light of about this particular name of God?

What are the needs and desires this name of God might meet in your life if you were fully able to embrace its truth in your heart?

Praying Together:

Let's be sure to spend some time sharing prayer requests and praying for each other.