

A GRACE-BASED PLACE

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Romans 5:12, 2 Corinthians 5:5-6, Philippians 2:13

The Grace of God

- ***God's unmerited favor***

5 Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).² Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 AMPC

⁷ In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace⁸ which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight. Ephesians 1:7-8 NASB

- ***God's divine adequacy***

⁵ Not that we are adequate in ourselves to consider anything as coming from ourselves, but our adequacy is from God,⁶ who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:5-6 NASB

But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me. 1 Corinthians 15:10 NASB

- ***The desire and power to do the will of God***

¹² So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12-13 NASB

- ***... "For it is God Himself whose power creates within you both the desire and the power to execute His gracious will." V13 Weymouth***
- ***... "Who makes you willing and gives you the energy to do what He wants." Beck***
- ***... "God...is at work in your hearts inspiring your will and your action." Goodspeed***

⁵ For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves. 2 Corinthians 4:5-7 NASB

- ***Abundant grace***

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, putting me into service, ¹³ even though I was formerly a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor. Yet I was shown mercy because I acted ignorantly in unbelief; ¹⁴ and the grace of our Lord was more than abundant, with the faith and love which are found in Christ Jesus. 1 Timothy 1:12-14 NASB

- ***Let's pray these power verses:***

¹⁵ For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my

prayers; ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might. Ephesians 1:15-19 NASB

¹¹ To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:11-12 NASB

- **The Word is at work in us. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)**
 - ... **"which is inwardly working itself in you who believe."**
The Emphasized NT
 - ... **"which has living power in you."** **NT in Basic English**
 - ... **"The Word of God, which is effectively at work in you who believe [exercising its super-human power in those who adhere to and trust in and rely on it.] Amplified Bible**

Hebrews 4:12

- **The power of God's living Word in us – "Actively alive is the Word of God and energetic...and is a sifter and analyzer of the reflections and conceptions of the heart." Wuest**
- **"For the Word of God is living and effective..." NT Transline**
 - **Effective means 'actively accomplishing God's will.'**

- ***The power of His Word and Spirit working in us. (Ephesians 3:20-21)***
 - ***“Now to Him who is in the exercise of His power that is at work within us, is able to do infinitely beyond all our highest prayers or thoughts.” V20 Weymouth***
 - ***“To Him who by means of His power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for or even think of.” Today’s English Version***

- ***The mighty power of God at work in us. (Colossians 1:28-29)***
 - ***... “I labor...striving with all the superhuman energy which He so mightily enkindles and works within me.” V29 Amplified***
 - ***“I am engaging in a contest in which I am controlled by His energy which operates in me in power.” Wuest***
- ***God does not want us to live power-less.***
- ***We are a grace-based place and we long to be obedient, Word impacted, prayer impassioned, Spirit empowered people.***

“Revival is birthed in the chambers of prayer, released on the wings of praise and raised up where God’s people are gathered in unity. And most importantly, revival comes when God’s people walk in the glory of His presence.” Glenn Foster