

“This Is the True Grace of God...”

By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

1st Peter 5:12

In This Epistle, Peter Wrote of...

- Our Heavenly Hope (1:3-5)
- Trying or Testing of Our Faith (1:6-9)
- The Inspired Message of the Prophets through Holy Spirit (1:10-12)
- Need for Obedience as Children of God (1:13-21)
- Word as Seed Bringing Salvation to Man (1:22-25)
- The Chosen Stone (Christ) & His Chosen People (2:1-10)
- Living in the World as Sojourners & Pilgrims (2:11-12)
- Submission in Various Relationships of Earthly Life (2:13 – 3:12)
- Suffering Wrongs Done for Doing Right (3:13-17)
- Christ's Innocent Suffering & Its Benefit to Us (3:18-22)
- Living Life to the Will of God, Not to the Lusts of Men (4:1-6)
- Our Suffering to Bring Glory to God (4:7-19)
- Elders Tending & Overseeing the Local Flock as Shepherds (5:1-4)
- Submitting to God in Humility (5:5-7)
- Living with Sobriety to Resist the Devil & Glorify God (5:8-11)

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Meaning of “Grace” (*charis*)

- Arndt & Gingrich lexicon defines χάρις as:
 1. graciousness, attractiveness
 2. favor, grace, gracious care or help, goodwill
 - a. *active*, that which one grants to another, the action of one who volunteers to do something to which he is not bound
 - b. *passive*, that which one experiences from another
 - c. In Christian literature from Paul, a fixed formula at the beginning and end of letters
 3. practical application of goodwill, a sign of favor, gracious deed or gift, benefaction
 4. of exceptional effects produced by divine grace, above and beyond those usually experienced by Christian
 5. thanks, gratitude
- We are concentrating on the use as given in #2, #3 and #4
- Best way to define a Bible word is by seeing its use in various contexts that make the meaning clear

Things Involved in God's True Grace

- Grace and Place of Service in Kingdom (**1 Cor. 3:9-10**)
 - **Ephesians 3:1-7** Grace of God given Paul to reveal gospel
 - **1 Corinthians 15:9-10** Being an apostle was gift of grace
 - **Galatians 2:9** Grace of taking the gospel to Gentiles
 - **1 Peter 4:10** Gifts of varying service was “grace of God”
 - **Romans 15:15** Place of writing boldly was from God's grace
 - **1 Timothy 1:12-14** Grace made place of Paul in ministry
- Grace and Benevolent Action (**2 Corinthians 8:7**)
 - **2 Corinthians 8:19** Benevolent offering called “gift” (*charis*)
- Grace and Spiritual Growth of Christian (**2 Peter 3:18**)
 - **Acts 13:43** “Continue in the grace of God” = Growth
 - **2 Timothy 2:1** “Strong in the grace that is in Christ” – Same

Study Continued in Last Hour

The Grace of God

A black magnifying glass is positioned over the word "Grace" in the phrase "The Grace of God". The magnifying glass's lens is centered over the word, making it appear larger and more prominent. The background is a solid red color.