

GROWING
IN
Grace

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SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.

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LESSON 1 – GROWING IN GRACE THE GRACE OF GOD

*“But grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”*

(2 Peter 3:18)

THE GRACE OF GOD

- Hosea 4:6 – destroyed for lack of knowledge.
- 2 Peter 3:18 – not just knowledge, but grace.
- Grace – *charis* – “good-will, loving-kindness, favor.” (THAYER)

GRACE IS GOD'S DISPOSITION OF FAVOR TOWARD US

“a beneficent disposition toward someone, favor, grace, gracious care/help, goodwill”
(BDAG)

- Acts 14:26; 15:40 – commended to the grace of God.
 - “Esp. of the beneficent intention of God.”
(BDAG)
- God's attitude of beneficence – John 1:14; Luke 19:10; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4

GRACE IS GOD'S GIFT OF FAVOR FOR US

“practical application of goodwill, (a sign of) favor, gracious deed/gift, benefaction”
(BDAG)

- 1 Peter 5:10; James 1:17; Acts 14:17 – everything good is from the God of all grace.
- The gift of Jesus – Romans 3:24-25; 5:2, 15
- The gift of the word – Romans 8:2; 1 Corinthians 1:18; Titus 2:1-14

GOD'S GRACE IS THE EFFECT PRODUCED BY HIS FAVOR

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- God's grace is intended to change its recipient – **Acts 11:23, 26**
- Immediate effects:
 - Release from sin/death – **Romans 8:1-2**
 - Justification – **Romans 5:1, 9**
 - Reconciliation – **Romans 5:10-11**
 - Adoption as God's child – **Romans 8:15-17**

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- Continued effects:
 - Power (*dynamis*) – 2 Corinthians 12:9
 - Knowledge (*gnosis*) – 2 Corinthians 8:7
 - Glory (*doxa*) – 2 Corinthians 3:18;
1 Corinthians 15:10
- Do not receive His grace in vain! –
2 Corinthians 6:1