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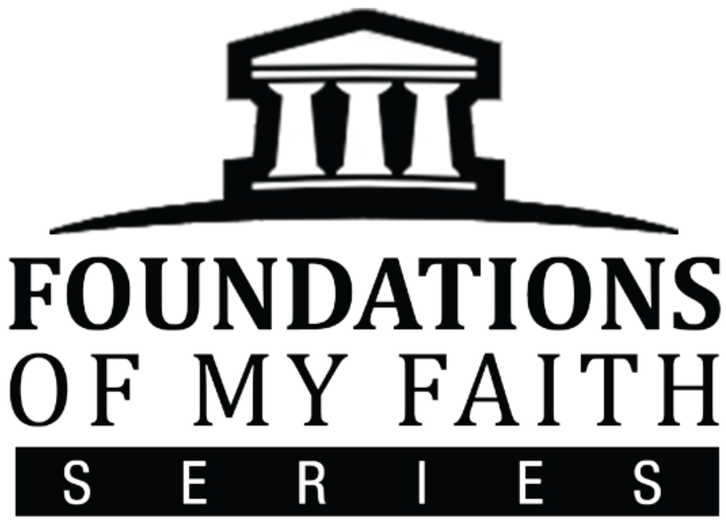

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How to use this curriculum

LOOK UP these verses in your Bible.

KEY VERSES to the lesson.

Grace is like a finely cut diamond; it has many facets or sides. Each side reflects a special way that God helps us to grow in our Christian life. It's a beautiful thing when God expresses this favor in our lives for His benefit. We are saved by grace, and we grow by grace. As we learn how to obtain more grace, we will be more Christ-like.

What is grace?

1. Grace is God's unmerited or undeserved favor.

Genesis 6:8
This is the first reference of grace in the Bible.

"Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:" (Romans 3:24)

"That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus." (Ephesians 2:7)

God shows undeserved favor and goodness toward us through Jesus Christ. There is nothing we could ever do to earn this favor; it is a gift from God. We are saved by grace, and we live the Christian life by grace.

2. Grace is God's supernatural help.

"Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound." (Romans 5:20)

“And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.” (Acts 4:33)

Jeremiah 31:1-3

God’s kindness was a result of His love, not a result of the actions of the Children of Israel. They survived in the wilderness because of the grace that God gave to them.

How does grace help us?

1. By grace we are saved.

“For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Grace works together with the faith God gave to each of us.

2. Grace sets up a classroom in our heart.

Titus 2:11-12

Grace doesn’t just save us, but it also teaches us to live righteous in an unrighteous world.

3. Grace strengthens us in times of trial.

> *"And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*
> (II Corinthians 12:9)

God's grace meets the need of whatever situation we experience, such as:

- Loss
- Temptation
- Pain
- Loneliness
- Fear
- Rejection.

Because we have the power of God's grace in our life, we don't have to allow events to control us. Without God's grace our trials would overwhelm us.

How can I get grace from God?

1. Be humble.

> *". . . . for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."* (I Peter 5:5)
>
> James 4:6
>
> Philippians 2:5-8

Humility is having the proper assessment of one's self. Pride always brings us into contention with God.

2. Ask Him for grace.

Hebrews 4:16

Knowing our needs, God encourages us to ask Him for help.

3. Increase your knowledge of God's Word.

II Peter 1:2

"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . . . . " (II Peter 3:18)

When we invest time studying and knowing the Bible, God's grace is multiplied in our life. This means that as we study the Bible, God is able to give us the help we need at a faster rate.

Further Understanding Grace

1. Grace does not void our duty to obey God's commandments.

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." (Matthew 5:17)

Romans 6:15

Grace does not give me the freedom to sin; it empowers me to obey God and live in a holy manner. Grace works in harmony with God's commandments.

2. Grace can be limited in our lives.

Pride limits grace.

> *". . . . God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."* (I Peter 5:5)

Bitterness, anger, and a lack of forgiveness limit grace.

> Hebrews 12:15
>
> Ephesians 4:29-32

Lesson One Quiz

1. Grace is God's _____ or _____ favor.

2. List three ways that God's grace helps us.

   a. By grace we are _____.
      Verse _____.

   b. Grace sets up a _____ in our heart.
      Verse _____.

   c. Grace _____ us in times of trial.
      Verse _____.

3. Without God's grace our trials would _____ us.

4. List three ways we get God's grace.

   a. Be _____.
      Verse _____.

   b. A_____ Him for grace.
      Verse _____.

   c. Increase your _____ of God's Word.
      Verse _____.

5. When we invest time studying and knowing the Bible, God's grace is _____ in our life.

6. Grace does not give me the freedom to sin; it empowers me to obey _____ and live in a _____ manner.

7. Pride _____ grace. Verse _____.

Memory Verses

(Choose at least two Scripture verses to memorize from the following list.)

Luke 2:40

Ephesians 2:7

James 4:6

2 Peter 1:2

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