

## Communicable Attributes: Grace

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### Foundational “Grace Defined” Verses

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, so that no one may boast.

**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men

**Romans 11:6** But if it is by grace, it is no longer of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

### Grace That Saves the Worst of Sinners

**1 Timothy 1:15-16** It is a trustworthy saying and deserving full acceptance: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, among whom I am foremost. Yet for this reason I was shown mercy, so that in me as the foremost, Christ Jesus might demonstrate all His patience as an example for those who are going to believe upon Him for eternal life.

**Romans 5:20** Now the Law came in so that the transgression would increase, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more

### Grace That Sustains and Empowers Daily Life

**2 Corinthians 12:9** My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.

**Hebrews 4:16** Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**2 Corinthians 9:8** And God is able to make every grace abound to you, so that in everything at every time having every sufficiency, you may have an abundance for every good deed.

### Grace That Covers Every Kind of Failure

**Romans 5:1-2** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand...

**John 1:16** For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace

**John 1:14** And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Discussion questions:

**Ephesians 2:8-9** emphasizes that salvation is "not of yourselves" and even faith is a gift from God, not something we produce. How does this truth challenge common ideas about earning God's favor through good behavior or religious effort? In what ways has realizing salvation is 100% grace (and 0% human merit) affected your own humility or gratitude?

In **1 Timothy 1:15-16** and **Romans 5:20**, Paul describes himself as the foremost of sinners, yet God's grace abounded all the more and showed patience through him as an example. Who in your life (or in history) do you think of as "too far gone" for God's grace? How do these verses encourage us when we or others feel beyond forgiveness?

**2 Corinthians 12:9** says God's grace is sufficient and His power is perfected in weakness, leading Paul to boast in his weaknesses. Discuss a time when you experienced God's sustaining grace in a moment of personal weakness, hardship, or "thorn in the flesh." How has this changed the way you view trials or ask God to remove them?

**Hebrews 4:16** invites us to approach the throne of grace with confidence to receive mercy and help in time of need. Compare this to the Old Testament restrictions on approaching kings (like in Esther). How does this truth free you to pray and seek God during daily struggles, failures, or moments of need? What keeps people from running to the throne more often?

**Romans 5:1-2** and **John 1:16** describe believers as standing permanently in grace and receiving "grace upon grace" from Christ's fullness. How does knowing God's grace covers every kind of failure (even repeated sin) give you assurance and peace with God? At the same time, how does this motivate you to pursue holiness rather than license to sin?

The lesson explains that grace saves us, sustains us when weak, and empowers us for good works (e.g., **Ephesians 2:10**, **2 Corinthians 9:8**). How should this understanding of grace affect our daily lives—such as our attitudes toward serving others, giving generously, or obeying God? Where do you see yourself tempted to rely on works instead of resting in grace?