Grace to Grace

Receiving and Giving God's Grace

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Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly ***draw near to the throne of grace*** *(the throne of God's unmerited favor to us), that we may receive mercy [for our failures]* ***and find grace to help in good time for every need*** *[appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].* Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)

The Extravagant Grace of God

For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ***But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect.*** *No, I worked harder than all of them--****yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.*** 1 Corinthians 15:9-10

The Apostle Paul is the personification of someone, who has received and responded to God's grace, and saw the strength and purpose it brought to his life and ministry.

We exist and live in _____ to the grace that we have realized in our spiritual lives.

The entire context of our spiritual lives will be **shaped** by our experience of or neglect of God's great grace.

Grace Received Ephesians 1:3-7

The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you. Jer. 31:3

God's grace to us reveals **the magnitude** of His love for us.

God wants us to come and **freely receive** grace to help us live.

Grace to Live

And God is able ***to make all grace abound toward you****, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.* 2 Corinthians 9:8

Grace is first and foremost about what God has done, but grace is also about what God enables us to do as He _____ us from within.

Core Point: As we become established in God's great grace for us, we discover it is the strength of our spiritual lives. Our Christian success is in proportion of our walk in God's grace. As we have received His grace we can give His grace.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you *in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord,* ***as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,*** *through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue.* 2 Peter 1:2-3

Our Response to God's Grace

1. **Receive** His grace. Colossians 1:6
2. **Reflect** His grace. Titus 2:11-15
3. **Be established** in His grace. Hebrews 13:9
4. **Be strong** in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 2:1
5. **Grow** in His grace. 2 Peter 3:18

Grace to Give

We _____ in proportion to how we have received and understand it.

See others, as God see's them; redeemed by the blood of the Savior!

You must see yourself under the blood and fully accepted in God's grace in order to see others that way.

This is when we find the strength that grace provides in relationships. **Give others the grace you give yourself.**

What action does the Lord call us to take in order to release His grace?

The utterances of our voices release both our faith and the greatness of God's grace into our world.

Let your speech always be with grace*, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.* Colossians 4:6

Our words and actions bestow His grace wherever there is a need.

When All Else Fails - God's Grace Never Lets Go

Everyone has a journey they must travel to discover God's grace. It will be challenged because of our enemy. A realization of His grace and the receiving the impact of His incredible overcoming love empowers all who seek Him fully.

Always remember that this relationship we have with Him is because of the work He did for us on the cross! It is finished!

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Rev. 22:21

Core Statement: I will rely on the extravagant grace of God over my life! I receive His grace, I live by His grace and allow His grace, to be the shaping power in my life. I follow Jesus, and my purpose in life is to give His grace.