

THE DOCTRINE OF THE SIX STAGES OF GRACE (#2) **Logistical Grace (#1)**

We are currently studying the doctrine of the six stages of God's Grace in the Christ Way of Life (CWL).

- Saving Grace
- **Logistical Grace**
- Growth Maturity Grace
- Undeserved Suffering Grace
- Dying Grace
- Surpassing Grace.

These five stages of God's Grace cover the entire CWL from salvation to eternity in heaven (2 Cor.5:6-8).

This week we will study two aspects of Logistical Grace.

1. The word 'Logistic' is derived from the Greek word logos, logismos and **logizomai**. Logos means 'word' or 'reason'. Therefore, 'logistic' refers to the art of calculating or reasoning.

We will examine three biblical concepts of **logizomai**.

- Logizomai can be used in **accounting** like totaling expenditures. It is translated 'numbered' or 'calculated' in (Lk.22:37) (Isa.53:12).
- It can be used for **Cosmos Diabolicus reasoning** that stands against the Word of God as part of the Angelic Conflict (AC)

(2 Cor.10:4-5) "For the weapons of our warfare are **not of the flesh, but divinely powerful** for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations (logismos) [logical reasoning of cosmos Diabolicus] and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ." (1 Cor.1:18)

- It also can be used in **military science** to explain the procurement of supplies, maintenance and transportation of personnel associated with troop movement.

2. **These are the concepts we will use in the Doctrine of Logistic Grace.**

(Phil.4:19) "And my God shall supply (pleroo) (f.a.ind.3ps) [to fill full a deficiency] **all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.**"

How much is God willing to supply?

(Eph.3:20) "Now to Him who is **able to do** (dunamai) (p.m.ptc.dsm) **exceeding abundantly** (huperrekperissos) **beyond** (huper+abl.of comparison) **all** that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us."

The context of (Phil.4:19) involves logistic support of Paul's missionary evangelism (Phil.4:11-19).

Listen to Paul's grace orientation and confidence:

(Phil.4:17) “Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.”
(2 Cor.9:10-15; Ex.3:21; 14:33-36; Heb.11:24-26)

3. Logistical Grace supplies and supports the Spiritually Advancing Believer in the Angelic Conflict to fulfill the Directive Will in the Plan of God (1 Cor.15:10; 1 Pet.5:7; Matt.6:25-34).

God’s grace is always sufficient to meet every need in all five stages of growth in the CWL.

(2 Cor.12:9) “And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’ Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.”
[Paul’s thorn in the flesh]

The writer of Hebrews used the Exodus generation to illustrate this in (Heb.11:29-31)

(Ps.37:25-26) “I have been young and now I am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or His descendants begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.”

4. The Spiritually Advancing Believer becomes a partner in Logistical Grace with The Lord.

(2 Cor.9:8) “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, **so that** always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance **for** every good deed.”

The NAS translation of (2 Cor.9:8) “God will supply the generous giver with enough to meet his own needs and enough to give for every good deed.”

We will examine three examples of this principle.

- The feeding of the 5,000 is one example (John 6:1-15) [Philip, Andrew and the lad].
- The Macedonian and Corinthian churches make-up the second example (Phil.4:11-13, 17-19; 2 Cor.8:1, 13-15; 9:1-2, 6-14; 11:9).
- The widow of Zarephath who became a logistical grace partner with the Lord in Elijiah’s ministry (1 Kings 17; Luke 4:25-26; James 5:17-18).
- Joseph became a logistical grace partner with the Lord to his family as well as to the nation of Egypt (Gen. 37:5-11; 50:24-26).

5. Logistical grace works to sustain the reversionist believer for spiritual recovery Prov.14:14).

God is faithful to His Word even when the Believer is unfaithful (2 Tim.2:13; Rom.3:3; 4:21).

We will give three examples of this principle:

- **Prodigal son** (Luke 15:14-20).
- **Jonah** (the book of Jonah).
- **Exodus generation** (1 Cor.10:1-6).

(1 Cor.10:6) “Now these things happened as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did.” (Heb.3:12, 16)

(Deut.29:5) “During the 40 years that I led you through the desert, your clothes did not wear out, nor did the sandals on your feet.”